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## Description

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

#### 1. Field of the Invention

[0001] Our invention relates to a readable and writable optical disc, and to a method for recording and a method for reproducing this optical disc. More particularly, our invention relates to an optical disc for recording multimedia data including moving picture data, still image data, and audio data, and to a method for recording and a method for reproducing this optical disc.

#### 2. Description of the Related Art

[0002] Rewritable optical discs have for years had a maximum storage capacity of approximately 650 MB, but this has been changed by the development of phase change type DVD-RAM discs with a capacity of several gigabytes. Combined with the adoption of MPEG, and particularly MPEG-2, standards for encoding digital AV data, DVD-RAM is widely anticipated as a recording and reproducing medium with application in the AV industry as well as the computer industry. More specifically, DVD-RAM media are expected to replace magnetic tape as the storage medium of choice for AV recordings.

#### A. DVD-RAM

[0003] Increases in the storage density of rewritable optical disc media over the last few years has made it possible to use such media for applications ranging from storing computer data and recording audio data to recording image data, including movies.

[0004] The signal recording surface of a conventional optical disc is typically formatted with lands and grooves, one of which is used as a guide groove for signal recording and reproducing. The data signal is then recorded using only the land or the groove. With the advent of the land and groove recording method, however, it became possible to record signals to both the land and groove. This development approximately doubled the storage capacity of the disc (see Japanese Unexamined Patent Application (*koka*) 8-7282).

[0005] Further development of a zone CLV (constant linear velocity) method simplified and made it easy to implement a CLV recording and reproducing technique, an effective means of further increasing the recording density. (See Japanese Unexamined Patent Application (*koka*) 7-93873).

[0006] A major topic left for future development is how to use such potentially high capacity optical disc media to record AV data containing image data to achieve new functions and performance far surpassing conventional AV products.

[0007] With the introduction of high capacity rewritable optical disc media, optical discs are widely expected

to replace conventional tape media for recording and reproducing AV content. The transition from tape to disc recording media is also expected to greatly affect both the performance and functions of AV recording and reproducing products.

[0008] One of the greatest benefits of a transition to disc is a significant improvement in random access performance. While random access to tape content is possible, it generally takes on the order of minutes to rewind a full tape. This is several orders slower than the typical seek time of optical disc media, which is on the order of at most several ten milliseconds. Tape is therefore considered, for practical purposes, not to be a random access medium.

[0009] The random access capability of optical disc media has also made possible distributed, that is, non-contiguous, recording of AV data, which is not possible with conventional tape.

[0010] Fig. 38 is a block diagram of the drive device of a DVD recorder. As shown in Fig. 38, this DVD recorder comprises an optical pickup 11 for reading data from the disc 10, an ECC (error correction code) processor 12, track buffer 13, switch 14 for changing track buffer input/output, encoder 15, and decoder 16. An enlarged view of the disc 17 format is also shown.

[0011] As indicated by the disc 17 format, the smallest unit used for recording data to a DVD-RAM disc is the sector, which is 2 KB. Sixteen sectors are combined as one ECC block, to which the ECC processor 12 applies error correction coding.

[0012] The track buffer 13 is used for recording AV data at a variable bit rate in order to record AV data to a DVD-RAM disc more efficiently. While the read/write rate ( $V_a$ ) to a DVD-RAM disc is fixed, the bit rate ( $V_b$ ) of the AV data is variable, based on the complexity of the AV data content (e.g., images if the AV data is video). The track buffer 13 is used to absorb this bit rate difference. This means that the track buffer 13 is unnecessary if the AV data bit rate is also fixed, as it is in the Video CD format.

[0013] This track buffer 13 can be even more effectively used by dispersed placement of the AV data on the disc. This is explained with reference to Fig. 39.

[0014] Fig. 39 (a) shows the disc address space. If the AV data is recorded divided between contiguous area A1 between addresses a1 and a2, and contiguous area A2 between a3 and a4 as shown in Fig. 39 (a), the AV data can be continuously reproduced by supplying data accumulated in the track buffer 13 to the decoder while the optical head seeks from a2 to a3. This is shown in Fig. 39 (b).

[0015] Once reading AV data starts from a1 at time t1, it is both input to the track buffer 13 and output from the track buffer 13 with data accumulating in the track buffer at the rate ( $V_a - V_b$ ), that is, the difference between the input rate  $V_a$  to the track buffer and the output rate  $V_b$  from the track buffer. This continues to address a2 at time t2. Assuming that the data volume accumulated to

the track buffer at this time is B(t2), data supply to the decoder can continue until the data B(t2) accumulated to the track buffer is depleted at time t3 at which reading resumes from address a3.

[0016] In other words, if it is assured that a certain volume of data ((a1, a2)) is read before a seek operation is performed, AV data can be continuously supplied to the decoder while the seek is in progress.

[0017] It should be noted that this example considers reading, that is, reproducing, data from DVD-RAM, but the same concept applies for writing or recording data to DVD-RAM.

[0018] It will thus be obvious that insofar as a specified amount of data is recorded continuously to DVD-RAM disc, continuous reproduction and recording is possible even if the AV data is noncontiguously recorded to the disc.

## B. MPEG

[0019] A common AV data format is described next below.

[0020] As noted above, AV data is recorded to DVD-RAM media using the MPEG International standard, also known as ISO/IEC 13818.

[0021] Even though DVD-RAM discs have a large, plural gigabyte, capacity, this is still not sufficient for recording uncompressed digital AV data. A way to compress and record AV data is therefore necessary. MPEG (ISO/IEC 13818) is now widely used around the world for AV data compression. MPEG decoders (compression/decompression ICs) have also been realized with advances in IC devices. This has enabled the DVD recorder to handle MPEG compression and decompression internally.

[0022] MPEG signal processing is able to achieve high efficiency data compression chiefly as a result of the following two features.

[0023] First is that compression using a time correlation characteristic between frames (known as pictures in MPEG) is used in conjunction with conventional compression using a spatial frequency characteristic for moving picture data compression. Each video sequence of an MPEG video signal stream is divided into one or more groups of pictures, each group of pictures comprising one or more pictures of three different types: I-pictures (Intraframe coded pictures), P-pictures (predictive-coded pictures, that is, intracoded with reference to a preceding picture), and B-pictures (bidirectionally predictive-coded pictures, that is, intraframe coded with reference to preceding and following pictures).

[0024] Fig. 40 shows the relationship between I, P, and B pictures. As shown in Fig. 40, P-pictures refer to temporally preceding I- or P-pictures in the sequence, while B-pictures refer to the first preceding and following I- or P-pictures. It should also be noted that because B-pictures reference an upcoming I- or P-picture, the display order of the pictures may not match the coding or-

der of the pictures in the compressed data bitstream.

[0025] The second feature of MPEG coding is that code size is dynamically allocated by picture unit according to the complexity of the image. An MPEG decoder has an input buffer, and by accumulating data in this decoder buffer a large amount of code can be allocated to complex images that are difficult to compress.

[0026] Three types of audio coding are used for the audio portion of a DVD-RAM recording: MPEG audio with data compression, Dolby Digital<sup>(R)</sup> (also known as AC-3), and noncompressive linear pulse code modulation (LPCM). Both Dolby Digital<sup>(R)</sup> and LPCM are fixed bit rate coding methods, but MPEG audio coding can select from several compression rates on an audio frame basis, although audio compression is not as high as video stream compression.

[0027] The resulting compressed video and audio streams are multiplexed to a single stream using a method known as the MPEG system. Fig. 41 shows the organization of an MPEG system stream. As shown in Fig. 41, each 2 KB sector comprises a pack header 41, packet header 42, and payload 43. The MPEG system thus has a hierarchical structure comprising packs and packets. Each packet comprises a packet header 42 and payload 43. AV data is segmented from the beginning into blocks of an appropriate size for storage to the payload 43.

[0028] Referring to the AV data stored in the associated payload 43, the packet header 42 contains a stream ID for identifying the data stored in the associated packet, and a decoding time stamp (DTS) and presentation time stamp (PTS) identifying the decoding time and presentation time of the data contained in the payload in 90 kHz precision. If the decoding and presentation are simultaneous, as in the case of audio data, the DTS can be omitted.

[0029] A pack is a unit of plural packets. In DVD-RAM, however, there is one pack for each packet, and each pack therefore comprises a pack header 41 and packet (containing a packet header 42 and payload 43).

[0030] The pack header contains a system clock reference (SCR) expressing with 27 MHz precision the time at which the data contained in this pack is input to the decoder buffer.

[0031] An MPEG system stream thus comprised is recorded one pack to a sector (= 2048 bytes) on DVD-RAM.

[0032] A decoder for decoding the above-noted MPEG system stream is described next below. Fig. 42 is a block diagram of an exemplary decoder model (P\_STD) of an MPEG system stream decoder. Shown in Fig. 42 are the system time clock (STC) 51, that is, the internal reference clock for decoder operation; a demultiplexer 52 for decoding (demultiplexing) the system stream; video decoder input buffer (video buffer) 53; video decoder 54; re-ordering buffer 55 for temporarily storing I and P pictures for absorbing the difference in the coding (data) sequence and presentation sequence that

occurs between B pictures and I and P pictures; a switch 56 for adjusting the output order of the I, P, and B pictures buffered to the re-ordering buffer 55; an audio decoder 58; and audio decoder input buffer (audio buffer) 57.

[0033] This MPEG system decoder processes the above-noted MPEG system stream as follows.

[0034] When the time indicated by the STC 51 and the SCR written to the pack header match, the pack is input to the demultiplexer 52. The demultiplexer 52 then interprets the stream ID in the packet header, and passes the audio stream and video stream contained in the payload data to the appropriate decoder buffers. The PTS and DTS are also read from the packet header.

[0035] When the times indicated by the STC 51 and DTS match, the video decoder 54 reads and decodes the picture data from the video buffer 53. I and P pictures are stored to the re-ordering buffer 55 while B pictures are presented directly to screen. If the picture being decoded by the video decoder 54 is an I or P picture, the switch 56 switches to the re-ordering buffer 55 to output the previous I or P picture from the re-ordering buffer 55; if a B picture is decoded, the switch 56 switches to the video decoder 54.

[0036] Similarly to the video decoder 54, the audio decoder 58 reads and decodes one audio frame of data from the audio buffer 57 when the PTS matches the STC 51 (a DTS is not recorded for audio data).

[0037] An exemplary method of multiplexing an MPEG system stream is described next with reference to Fig. 43. Note that a sequence of video frames is shown in Fig. 43 (a), the change in data storage to the video buffer is shown in Fig. 43 (b), a typical MPEG system stream is shown in Fig. 43 (c), and an audio signal is shown in Fig. 43 (d). Each of Figs. 43 (a) to (d) are shown on a common time base (horizontal axis). The vertical axis in Fig. 43 (b) indicates the amount of data stored to the video buffer. The bold line in this graph thus indicates the change over time in the buffered video data volume. The slope of this line is indicative of the video bit rate, and shows that data is input to the video buffer at a constant rate. The decrease in buffered data at regular intervals indicates the progression of data decoding. The intersection of the dotted line extension of the graphed line with the time base (horizontal axis) indicates the time at which video frame transfer to the video buffer begins.

[0038] MPEG encoding is described next using by way of example coding a complex image A in the video data stream. As shown in Fig. 43 (b), image A requires a large coding block, and data transfer to the video buffer must therefore begin from a time  $t_1$  before the image A decoding time. Note that the time from data input start time  $t_1$  to decoding is referred to as  $vbv\_delay$  below. AV data is thus multiplexed to the position (time) of the shaded video pack.

[0039] Unlike video data, audio data does not require dynamic coding size control. It is therefore not neces-

sary for audio data transfer to start before decoding starts, and audio data is thus typically multiplexed only slightly before decoding starts. Video data is thus multiplexed to the MPEG system stream before the audio data.

[0040] It should be further noted that data can be accumulated to the buffer for a limited time in the MPEG system. More specifically, the MPEG system standard requires all data other than still image data be output to the decoder from the buffer within one second of being stored to the buffer. This means that there is at most a one second offset between video data and audio data multiplexing (or more precisely, the time required for video frame reordering).

[0041] It will also be obvious that while the MPEG system stream is described above with video data preceding the audio, the audio can theoretically precede the video. This type of stream can be purposely generated by using for the video data simple images to which a high compression rate can be applied, and transferring the audio data earlier than required. Even in this case, however, the audio can precede the video by at most one second due to the restrictions imposed by the MPEG standard.

#### Video CD

[0042] Video CD, a moving picture format incorporating an entry point concept for playback control, is described next.

[0043] The Video CD standard was published in 1993. Version 2.0 of the standard, incorporating a playback control feature, was released the following year in 1994. Video CD can store a maximum 74 minutes of video compressed using the MPEG-1 standard, together with a maximum 2000 high resolution still images (704 x 480 dots). A simple menu is compiled by the playback control function so that the presented content can be controlled to display only a required segment or so that a user can select specific content for display.

[0044] The Video CD format allows recording absolute addresses on the disc as "entry points." An entry point is a specific address where the playback path can be entered to begin playback. Entry points can be achieved by using address information and time information. By using entry points, it is possible for playback to jump to a specifically recorded absolute address when playback reaches an entry point in the playback path, and the disc player can thus be controlled to jump from point to point in the disc content.

[0045] The Video CD format, however, requires a 1:1 correlation between entry points and the bitstream, and cannot use independent entry points to a plurality of reproduction paths.

[0046] In addition, Video CD is a non-writable medium, which means that the user cannot add or delete entry points to the content. The user therefore cannot create a reproduction path or entry points with logical

meaning, and cannot make effective use of the disc's random accessibility.

#### Digital video

[0047] Digital video tape, and particularly the Digital Video Cassette Tape Recorder (DVC) medium that has become most popular, is described next.

[0048] Published in 1994, the DVC standard records and reproduces at 19 Mb/s to 30 Mb/s using discrete cosine transform (DCT) and variable length coding (VLC) for image compression and signal processing.

[0049] The subcode data recorded with the video data can include in the DVC format the track number (Title Time Code) indicative of the recording time from the first recorded frame at the beginning of the tape, a time code (Rec Date) indicating the date the recording was made, and a time code (Rec Time) indicating the time the recording was made. This makes it possible to detect interruptions in the time code and use these interruptions as entry points to the content.

[0050] The drawback to this scheme is that because management information such as used by a computer is not present, it is not possible to freely set a desired time as an entry point from which playback is possible.

[0051] Another obvious drawback to DVC is it is a tape-based medium. Random access performance is thus poor, and plural reproduction paths cannot be achieved.

[0052] To use plural reproduction paths or selectable entry points with DVC type media, the reproduction device must have memory to store this data, and the data cannot be used on different reproduction devices.

[0053] The introduction of DVD-RAM media solves the problem of random access performance present in DVC media, and makes it possible to achieve a new consumer AV product whereby entry points to plural reproduction paths on a Video CD can be freely used.

[0054] EP 0 686 973 A1 discloses a data reproducing device and a data recording medium with which synchronous reproduction of multiplexed data of video data, audio data, and screen data compressed at variable rates and other various kinds of functions can be accomplished. Therein subcode data comprise time code information containing information representing the time at that a sector will be reproduced.

#### PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED

[0055] The object of the present invention is to provide a DVD recorder that solves following problems hindering obtaining maximum performance from DVD-RAM media, a high capacity rewritable storage medium widely anticipated as the next generation in AV recording media.

[0056] That is, the greatest problem in recording entry points to a plurality of reproduction paths and using these entry points for reproduction on a DVD recorder

is how to best utilize the unique random accessibility of the disc medium to set individual entry points as desired to any of a plurality of reproduction paths, thus achieving functionality that is not possible with tape media.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0057] To resolve the above problem, an optical disc according to claim 1 is proposed.

[0058] It is therefore not necessary with an optical disc according to the present invention for entry point information to be incorporated into the program stream itself.

[0059] When the program stream is moving picture content, the entry point information is preferably time information (EP\_PTM).

[0060] Using time information makes it possible to determine the distance (time) from the beginning of the reproduction path.

[0061] When the program stream is still image content, the entry point information is preferably still image number information (S\_VOB\_ENTN).

[0062] This still image number information represents the number of the still image in the bitstream, and therefore makes it possible to determine how far from the beginning of the reproduction path.

[0063] Yet further preferably, the entry point information also includes text information (PRM\_TXTI).

[0064] By also including text information, the content of a desired access point can be displayed.

[0065] There are cases when the program stream segment defined as a first reproduction path from the first start time to the first end time, and the program stream segment defined as a second reproduction path from the second start time to the second end time, overlap. However, even if these first and second reproduction paths overlap, entry point information can be individually and separately set for both paths. Entry points set for the first reproduction path therefore do not work on the second reproduction path.

[0066] The present invention further relates to an optical disc player as claimed in claim 7 for reproducing an optical disc according to the present invention as described above.

[0067] In the optical disc player, the point information is preferably time information (EP\_PTM) when the program stream is moving picture content.

[0068] Further preferably, when the program stream is still image content the point information is still image number information (S\_VOB\_ENTN).

[0069] Yet further preferably, the entry point information further includes text information (PRM\_TXTI), and the decoder further reproduces the text information.

[0070] Our invention can be further expressed as a playback method as claimed in claim 11 for playing back an optical disc where the optical disc is an optical disc according to the present invention as described above.

[0071] The present invention also provides an optical disc recorder as claimed in claim 12 for recording to an

optical disc according to the present invention as described above.

**[0072]** As noted above, when the program stream is moving picture content, the point information of this optical disc recorder is preferably time information (EP\_PTM). 5

**[0073]** Yet further preferably, the point information is still image number information (S\_VOB\_ENTN) when the program stream is still image content.

**[0074]** Yet further preferably, the entry point information further includes text information (PRM\_TXTI), and the storage means generates and stores said text information. 10

**[0075]** The invention also provides a recording method as claimed in claim 16 for an optical disc according to the present invention as described above. 15

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

**[0076]** These and other objects and features of the present invention will be readily understood from the following detailed description taken in conjunction with preferred embodiments thereof with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which like parts are designated by like reference numerals and in which: 20

Fig. 1 shows the logical structure of a disc according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention;  
Fig. 2 shows the internal structure of an AV file for movies;

Fig. 3 shows the internal structure of an AV file for still images;

Fig. 4 shows the relationship between AV data and management information;

Fig. 5 shows the structure of the RTR\_VMG block; 30

Fig. 6 shows the structure of the RTR\_VMG1 block;

Fig. 7 shows the structure of the VERN and TM\_ZONE format;

Fig. 8 shows the structure of the PL\_SRP block;

Fig. 9 shows the structure of the PL\_TY and PL\_CREATE format; 40

Fig. 10 shows the structure of the PTM recording format;

Fig. 11 shows the structure of the S\_VOB\_ENTN recording format; 45

Fig. 12 shows the structure of the M\_AVFI block;

Fig. 13 shows the structure of the V\_ATR and A\_ATR format;

Fig. 14 shows the structure of the movie SP\_PLT format; 50

Fig. 15 shows the structure of the M\_AVFI block;

Fig. 16 shows the structure of the M\_VOB1 block;

Fig. 17 shows the structure of the VOB\_TY format;

Fig. 18 shows the structure of the TMAPI block;

Fig. 19 shows the structure of the VOB\_ENT format; 55

Fig. 20 shows the structure of the S\_AVFI block;

Fig. 21 shows the structure of the S\_AA\_STI and

S\_AAFI block;

Fig. 22 shows the structure of the V\_ATR and OA\_ATR format;

Fig. 23 shows the structure of the still image SP\_PLT format;

Fig. 24 shows the structure of the S\_AVFI block;

Fig. 25 shows the structure of the S\_VOB\_ENT block;

Fig. 26 shows the structure of the S\_VOB\_ENT\_TY format;

Fig. 27 shows the structure of the S\_AAFI\_GI and S\_AAGI\_SRP block;

Fig. 28 shows the structure of the S\_AAGI block;

Fig. 29 shows the structure of the AA\_TY format;

Fig. 30 shows the structure of the UD\_PGCIT block;

Fig. 31 shows the structure of the TXTDT\_MG block;

Fig. 32 shows the structure of the PGCI block;

Fig. 33 shows the structure of the PG\_TY format;

Fig. 34 shows the structure of the CI block;

Fig. 35 shows the structure of the C\_TY format;

Fig. 36 shows the structure of the C\_EPI block;

Fig. 37 shows the structure of the EP\_TY1 format;

Fig. 38 is a block diagram of a DVD recorder drive;

Fig. 39 (a) shows the volume address space of a disc, and (b) shows the change in data accumulation in the track buffer;

Fig. 40 shows the correlation between picture types in an MPEG video system stream;

Fig. 41 shows the structure of an MPEG system stream;

Fig. 42 is a block diagram of an MPEG system decoder (P\_STD);

Fig. 43 (a) shows video data, (b) shows the change in data accumulation in the video buffer, (c) shows the MPEG system stream, and (d) show the audio data;

Fig. 44 shows the correlation between AV data and entry points;

Fig. 45 shows the correlation between a program chain PGC and entry points;

Fig. 46 is a block diagram of a DVD recorder according to the present invention;

Fig. 47 is used to describe movie cell entry point reproduction in the DVD recorder shown in Fig. 46;

Fig. 48 is used to describe still image cell entry point reproduction in the DVD recorder shown in Fig. 46;

Fig. 49 is a flow chart of entry point reproduction;

Fig. 50 is used to describe entry point reproduction in a reproduction path containing a still image;

Fig. 51 is used to describe a high speed search in the DVD recorder shown in Fig. 46;

Fig. 52 is a flow chart of the high speed search operation described in Fig. 51;

Fig. 53 is a flow chart of an entry point recording operation according to the present invention;

Fig. 54 is an exemplary display of entry points to a bitstream in a DVD recorder shown in Fig. 46; and

Fig. 55 is an exemplary display of entry point types to a bitstream in a DVD recorder shown in Fig. 46.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

[0077] A DVD recorder and DVD-RAM disc are described below as a preferred embodiment of the present invention with reference to the accompanying figures.

### Logical structure of DVD-RAM

[0078] The logical structure of a DVD-RAM disc is described first below with reference to Fig. 1. Fig. 1 shows the physical sector address area of the disc, and the structure whereby data is recorded to the disc as part of a file system.

[0079] The physical sector address area of the disc starts with a lead-in area to which a reference signal for servo stabilization, and an ID signal for differentiating DVD-RAM media from other media, are recorded. The user data area follows the lead-in area. Logically valid data is recorded to the user data area. A lead-out area ends the physical sector address area; a reference signal is also recorded here.

[0080] File system management information, called volume information, is recorded at the beginning of the user data area. The file system is not directly related to the present invention, and description thereof is thus omitted below. It should be noted, however, that by using a file system, data recorded to the disc can be managed as files and a directory to the files as shown in Fig. 1.

[0081] All data handled by the DVD recorder is filed under the DVD\_RTAV directory directly below the root directory as shown in Fig. 1.

[0082] Files handled by a DVD recorder can be grouped into three broad categories: a management information file and one or more AV files, and a copy of the management information file.

[0083] AV files can be an RTR\_MOVIE.VRO file recording moving picture content (referred to as video below), an RTR\_STILL.VRO file recording still image data or still image data and simultaneously recorded audio data, or a VR\_AUDIO.VRO file recording audio data only.

[0084] Fig. 2 shows the file structure of an RTR\_MOVIE.VRO file recording video content. As shown in Fig. 2, MPEG program streams (M\_VOB (Movie Video Object)) are arranged in recording sequence in the RTR\_MOVIE.VRO file.

[0085] Each program stream (M\_VOB) is built from a plurality of Video Object Units (VOBU), each with a video reproduction time of 0.4 sec. to 1.0 sec.

[0086] Each VOBU comprises a number of video packs (V\_PCK), audio packs (A\_PCK), and subpicture packs (SP\_PCK); each pack is 2 KB. Notice that audio packs are multiplexed with the video in an M\_VOB.

[0087] The video data in each VOBU further compris-

es one or more Group of Pictures (GOP). The GOP is the decoding unit for MPEG video, starts with an I-picture, and contains plural P- or B-pictures.

[0088] Fig. 3 shows the structure of an RTR\_STILL.VRO file for recording still images and audio data. As shown in Fig. 3, an RTR\_STILL.VRO file contains S\_VOB (Still Picture Video Objects), the MPEG program stream for still images, arranged in recording sequence. [0089] The greatest difference between an S\_VOB and M\_VOB is that an S\_VOB records still image data instead of moving picture data, and the still image data (video part) is followed by the audio data (audio part) instead of multiplexing the video and audio.

[0090] An S\_VOB also contains one VOB, which comprises a V\_PCK, A\_PCK, and SP\_PCK.

[0091] An VR\_AUDIO.VRO contains only the audio part of an MPEG program stream.

### AV data and management information

[0092] The relationship between M\_VOB, S\_VOB, and management information is described next below with reference to Fig. 4.

[0093] As described above, there are two types of AV data, M\_VOB and S\_VOB. Management information M\_VOBI for each M\_VOB is stored for each M\_VOB where the M\_VOBI records attributes of the corresponding M\_VOB. Individually managing S\_VOBS, however, would greatly increase the amount of management information. Management information S\_VOBI is therefore used to manage a group S\_VOG containing plural S\_VOB units. This S\_VOBI records attributes for the corresponding S\_VOB group.

[0094] What is important to note here is that MPEG stream data does not have a linear correlation between time and data size. As noted above, the MPEG system stream is compressed using temporal correlation characteristics and variable length coding techniques (including variable bit rate coding) in order to achieve high compression efficiency. As a result there is not necessarily a direct correlation between (reproduction) time and data size (address).

[0095] Therefore, an M\_VOBI also contains a filter (TMAP) for converting time and address information, and an S\_VOBI also contains a filter (S\_VOB Entries) for converting a still image number in an S\_VOG group and address.

[0096] Management information for the reproduction path is described next below.

[0097] The reproduction path is defined as a program chain (PGC) or sequence of cells describing all or part of a range of M\_VOB or S\_VOG blocks.

[0098] The reproduction path can be either of two types: an original PGC referring to all AV data on the disc, or a user-defined PGC defining a user-selected reproduction sequence of AV data on the disc.

[0099] The original PGC is also called a Program Set having a Program layer logically bundling a plurality of

cells.

**[0100]** A user-defined PGC is also called a Play List. Unlike an original PGC, a Play List does not have a Program layer.

#### Management information file

**[0101]** The content of the management information file RTR.IFO, also shown as VR\_MANGR.IFO, is described next below with reference to Fig. 5 to Fig. 55.

#### RTR\_VMG (Fig. 5)

**[0102]** The VR\_MANGR.IFO file contains real-time recording video management information RTR\_VMG. RTR\_VMG comprises seven tables: RTR\_VMGI, M\_AVFIT, S\_AVFIT, ORG\_PGCI, UD\_PGCI, TXTDT\_MG, and MNFIT.

**[0103]** These seven tables are described in detail next below.

#### \* RTR\_VMGI (Fig. 6)

**[0104]** Real-time recording video management information RTR\_VMGI includes video management information table VMGI\_MAT and play list search pointer table PL\_SRPT.

#### VMGI\_MAT (Fig. 6)

**[0105]** The video management information management table VMGI\_MAT stores the following information relating to the entire disc. The reproducing device and recording device, referred to as simply disc player and recorder, respectively, below, first read this VMGI\_MAT to detect the overall structure of the disc.

#### VMG\_ID (video management identifier)

**[0106]** Stores the identifier DVD\_RTAV\_VMG0 identifying the disc as storing video recording data.

#### RTR\_VMG\_EA (RTR\_VMG end address)

**[0107]** Stores the RTR\_VMG end address.

#### VMGI\_EA (VMGI end address)

**[0108]** Stores the VMGI end address.

#### VERN (version number)

**[0109]** Records the version number of the recording format of the stored video recording data according to the format shown in Fig. 7.

#### TM\_ZONE (time zone)

**[0110]** Records the time zone used for all time information recorded to the disc. As shown in Fig. 7, the TM\_ZONE stores a time zone stamp TZ\_TY indicating whether time information is based on Greenwich Mean Time or a regional time standard (such as Eastern Standard Time (EST) or Japan Standard Time (JST)), and a time zone offset TZ\_OFFSET recording the time difference to Greenwich Mean Time.

#### STILL\_TM (still time)

**[0111]** Stores the still time used for presenting still images without sound.

#### CHRS (character set code for primary text display)

**[0112]** Defines the character set code to use for primary text displays described below.

#### RSM\_MRKI (resume marker management information)

**[0113]** Stores the time code of the video at which playback last stopped.

#### DISC\_REP\_PICTI (disc representative picture information)

**[0114]** Stores the time code of the still image selected as representative of the disc.

#### DISC\_REP\_NM (disc representative name)

**[0115]** Stores the character string representing the disc.

#### M\_AVFIT\_SA (M\_AVFIT start address)

**[0116]** Stores the start address of the movie AV file information table M\_AVFIT. This start address is used in the seek operation for accessing the M\_AVFIT table.

#### S\_AVFIT\_SA (S\_AVFIT start address)

**[0117]** Stores the start address of the still image AV file information table S\_AVFIT. This start address is used in the seek operation for accessing the S\_AVFIT table.

#### ORG\_PGCI\_SA (ORG\_PGCI start address)

**[0118]** Stores the start address of the original PGC information. This start address is used in the seek operation for accessing the original PGC.



UD\_PGCIT\_SA (UD\_PGCIT start address)

[0119] Stores the start address of the user-defined PGC information table. This start address is used in the seek operation for accessing the user-defined PGC information table.

TXTDT\_MG\_SA (TXTDT\_MG start address)

[0120] Stores the start address of the text data management information TXTDT\_MG. This start address is used in the seek operation for accessing the text data management information TXTDT\_MG.

MNFIT\_SA (MNFIT start address)

[0121] Stores the start address of the management file information table MNFIT. This address is used in the seek operation for accessing the MNFIT table.

PL\_SRPT (play list search pointer table) (Fig. 8)

[0122] The play list search pointer table PL\_SRPT records play list search pointer table information PL\_SRPTI and n play list search pointers PL\_SRP.

PL\_SRPTI (play list search pointer table information) (Fig. 8)

[0123] The play list search pointer table information PL\_SRPTI records the following information for accessing a play list search pointer PL\_SRP.

PL\_SRP\_Ns (number of play list search pointers)

[0124] Stores the number of play list search pointers PL\_SRP.

PL\_SRPT\_EA (PL\_SRPT end address)

[0125] Stores the end address of this play list search pointer table PL\_SRPT.

PL\_SRP (play list search pointer) (Fig. 8)

[0126] Records the following information for accessing the actual play list data, that is, the user-defined PGC.

PL\_TY (play list type)

[0127] Stores one of the following values for identifying the play list type using the format shown in Fig. 9.

0000b: video only  
0001b: still images only  
0010b: both video and still images

PGCN (PGC number)

[0128] Stores the PGC number for the associated play list. The PGC number is the recording sequence of PGC information in the UD\_PGCIT described below.

PL\_CREATE\_TM (play list creation date/time)

[0129] Stores the date and time the play list was created according to the format shown in Fig. 9.

PRM\_TXTI (play list text information)

[0130] Stores text information indicative of play list content. For example, if the play list is a television program, PRM\_TXTI could record the name of the show. PRM\_TXTI includes an ASCII code field, and a field for the character code set defined by the above-noted CHRS.

IT\_TXT\_SRPN (IT\_TXT\_SRP number)

[0131] If the optional IT\_TXT containing the play list content is recorded in addition to the above-noted primary text, the IT\_TXT\_SRP number is stored as a link to the IT\_TXT recorded in TXTDT\_MG. This IT\_TXT\_SRP number is the recording sequence in TXTDT\_MG, described below.

THM\_PTRI (thumbnail pointer information)

[0132] Stores thumbnail image information for the play list.

THM\_PTRI (Fig. 8)

[0133] THM\_PTRI stores the following information indicating a thumbnail image location.

CN (cell number)

[0134] Stores the cell number containing the thumbnail image. The cell number is the recording sequence of the cell information in the UD\_PGCI for this play list.

THM\_PT (thumbnail image pointer)

[0135] Stores the presentation time of the video frame used as the thumbnail image according to the PTM (presentation time) describing format as shown in Fig. 10 if the cell indicated by CN is a video cell. PTM is written according to the reference time of the time stamp written in the MPEG program stream.

[0136] Stores the still image VOB entry number of the still image used as the thumbnail image according to the S\_VOB\_ENTN describing format as shown in Fig. 11 if the cell indicated by CN is a still image cell.

M\_AVFIT (Fig. 12)

**[0137]** The movie AV file information table M\_AVFIT stores management information for the movie AV file RTR\_MOVIE.VRO, and comprises M\_AVFITI, M\_VOB\_STI, and M\_AVFI.

M\_AVFITI (movie AV file information table information) (Fig. 12)

**[0138]** Stores the following information for accessing M\_VOB\_STI and M\_AVFI.

M\_AVFI\_Ns (movie AV file information number)

**[0139]** Indicates the number of AVFI information fields following. If 0, no AVFI is present; if 1, an AVFI is present. AVFI presence corresponds to the presence of movie AV file RTR\_MOVIE.VRO.

M\_VOB\_STI\_Ns (M\_VOB\_STI number)

**[0140]** Indicates the number of following M\_VOB\_STI fields.

M\_AVFIT\_EA (M\_AVFIT end address)

**[0141]** Stores the M\_AVFIT end address.

M\_VOB\_STI (movie VOB stream information) (Fig. 12)

**[0142]** Stores the following as movie VOB stream information.

V\_ATR (video attributes)

**[0143]** Stores the following video attributes according to the format as shown in Fig. 13.

Video compression mode

**[0144]** Stores one of the following values indicating the video compression mode.

00b: MPEG\_1

01b: MPEG\_2

TV system

**[0145]** Stores one of the following values indicating the television system.

00b: 525/60 (NTSC)

01b: 625/50 (PAL)

Aspect ratio

**[0146]** Stores one of the following values indicating

the aspect ratio.

00b: 4x3

01b: 16x9

line21\_switch\_1

**[0147]** Stores one of the following values indicating whether closed caption data for field 1 is contained in the video stream.

1b: recorded

0b: not recorded

line21\_switch\_2

**[0148]** Stores one of the following values indicating whether closed caption data for field 2 is contained in the video stream.

1b: recorded

0b: not recorded

Video resolution

**[0149]** Stores one of the following values indicating the video resolution.

000b: 720x480 (NTSC), 720x576 (PAL)

001b: 702x480 (NTSC), 702x576 (PAL)

010b: 352x480 (NTSC), 352x576 (PAL)

011b: 352x240 (NTSC), 352x288 (PAL)

100b: 544x480 (NTSC), 544x576 (PAL)

101b: 480x480 (NTSC), 480x576 (PAL)

AST\_Ns (audio stream number)

**[0150]** Stores the number of audio streams recorded to the corresponding VOB.

SPST\_Ns (still picture stream number)

**[0151]** Stores the number of still picture streams recorded to the corresponding VOB.

A\_ATR0 (audio stream 0 attributes)

**[0152]** Stores the following attributes for the audio recorded to audio stream 0 using the format as shown in Fig. 13.

Audio coding mode

**[0153]** Stores one of the following values indicating the audio compression method.

000b: Dolby AC-3

001b: MPEG audio without an extension stream

010b: MPEG audio with an extension stream  
 011b: linear PCM

#### Application Flag

**[0154]** Stores one of the following values indicating the audio application.

00b: not applicable  
 01b: mixed number of audio channels  
 10b: enhancement channel included

#### Quantization/DRC

**[0155]** Stores one of the following values for identifying whether dynamic range control (DRC) information is present.

00b: DRC not contained in MPEG stream  
 01b: DRC contained in MPEG stream

**[0156]** If LPCM is used, the following value is stored to identify the quantization level.

00b: 16 bit

fs

**[0157]** The following value is stored to identify the sampling frequency.

00b: 48 kHz

#### Number of Audio channels

**[0158]** Stores one of the following values indicating the number of audio channels.

0000b: 1 channel (monaural)  
 0001b: 2 channel (stereo)  
 0010b: 3 channel  
 0011b: 4 channel  
 0100b: 5 channel  
 0101b: 6 channel  
 0110b: 7 channel  
 0111b: 8 channel  
 1001b: 2 channel (dual monaural)

#### Bitrate

**[0159]** Stores one of the following values indicating the bitrate.

0000 0001 b: 64 kbps  
 0000 0010b: 89 kbps  
 0000 0011 b: 96 kbps  
 0000 0100b: 112 kbps  
 0000 0101b: 128 kbps

0000 0110b: 160 kbps  
 0000 0111b: 192 kbps  
 0000 1000b: 224 kbps  
 0000 1001b: 256 kbps  
 5 0000 1010b: 320 kbps  
 0000 1011b: 384 kbps  
 0000 1100b: 448 kbps  
 0000 1101b: 768 kbps  
 10 0000 1110b: 1536 kbps

**[0160]** What is important here is that if the corresponding audio stream is an MPEG audio stream with an extension stream, only the bitrate of the base channel, not including the extension stream, is recorded. This is because compression using a VLC technique is used for the extension stream, and the extension stream therefore cannot be defined using a fixed bitrate as above.

20 A\_ATR1 (audio stream 1 attributes)

**[0161]** Stores the following attributes of audio stream 1 using the format as shown in Fig. 13. Note that these attributes are defined using the same fields used with A\_ATR0 and described above, and further description is thus omitted here.

SP\_PLT (subpicture color palette)

30 **[0162]** Records the subpicture color palette information using the format shown in Fig. 14.

M\_AVFI (Fig. 15)

35 **[0163]** The movie AV file information M\_AVFI comprises the following information for accessing a movie VOB: M\_AVFI\_GI, M\_VOBI\_SRP, and M\_VOBI.

M\_AVFI\_GI (movie AV file general information) (Fig. 15)

40 **[0164]** Stores the movie VOB information search pointer count M\_VOBI\_SRP\_Ns.

M\_VOBI\_SRP\_Ns (movie VOB information search pointer number)

45 **[0165]** Records the number of movie VOB information search pointers M\_VOBI\_SRP.

50 M\_VOBI\_SRP (movie VOB information search pointer) (Fig. 15)

**[0166]** Stores address information for accessing each M\_VOBI.

55 M\_VOBI\_SA (movie VOB information start address)

**[0167]** Stores the M\_VOBI start address used for a

seek operation accessing the corresponding VOB information.

M\_VOBI (movie VOB information) (Fig. 16)

**[0168]** Stores the following movie VOB management information: M\_VOBI\_GI, SMLI, AGAPI, TMAPI, and CP\_MNGI.

M\_VOBI\_GI (general information) (Fig. 16)

**[0169]** Records the following general information relating to a movie VOB.

VOB\_TY (VOB type)

**[0170]** Stores VOB attributes according to the format as shown in Fig. 17.

TE

**[0171]** Stores one of the following values indicating the VOB status.

0b: normal  
1b: temporarily deleted condition

A0\_STATUS

**[0172]** Stores one of the following values indicating the status of audio stream 0.

00b: original state  
01b: overwritten

A1\_STATUS

**[0173]** Stores one of the following values indicating the status of audio stream 1.

00b: original state  
01b: overwritten  
10b: dummy for additional audio content  
11b: additional audio content added

SML\_FLG

**[0174]** Stores one of the following values indicating whether the VOB is to be seamlessly reproduced with the preceding VOB.

0b: seamless reproduction not possible  
1b: seamless reproduction possible

A0\_GAP\_LOC

**[0175]** Stores one of the following values indicating the presence of an audio reproduction gap in audio

stream 0, and identifying the VOB to which the audio reproduction gap is multiplexed.

00b: no audio reproduction gap recorded  
01b: audio reproduction gap multiplexed to first VOB  
10b: audio reproduction gap multiplexed to second VOB  
11b: audio reproduction gap multiplexed to third VOB

A1\_GAP\_LOC

**[0176]** Stores one of the following values indicating the presence of an audio reproduction gap in audio stream 1, and identifying the VOB to which the audio reproduction gap is multiplexed.

00b: no audio reproduction gap recorded  
01b: audio reproduction gap multiplexed to first VOB  
10b: audio reproduction gap multiplexed to second VOB  
11b: audio reproduction gap multiplexed to third VOB

VOB\_REC\_TM (VOB recording date/time)

**[0177]** The date and time the VOB was recorded is stored in the same format used for PL\_CREATE\_TM shown in Fig. 9. What is important to note here is that this indicates the date/time that the first video presentation frame of the VOB was recorded. If the first video frame is changed by editing or deletion, this VOB\_REC\_TM value must be updated. It should be further noted that the date/time of recording can be displayed synchronized to the VOB presentation similarly to the way a date/time is displayed on the viewfinder of a video camcorder by simply adding the time elapsed in the VOB to the time stored as VOB\_REC\_TM.

VOB\_REC\_TM\_SUB (VOB recording date/time difference information)

**[0178]** This field is used to absorb error in a VOB\_REC\_TM field that has been updated because the first video frame in the VOB was changed by VOB editing or deletion. As shown in Fig. 9, VOB\_REC\_TM is only accurate to the second. This means that if the video was edited or deleted at the frame or field level (precision), the recording time cannot be expressed with sufficient accuracy using only VOB\_REC\_TM. This field is therefore used to adjust for any difference.

M\_VOBI\_STIN (M\_VOBI\_STI number)

**[0179]** Stores the M\_VOBI\_STI number corresponding to the VOB. This M\_VOBI\_STI number is the record-

ing sequence in the above-noted M\_VOB\_STI table.

VOB\_V\_S\_PTM (VOB video start PTM)

**[0180]** Stores the VOB presentation start time based on the same reference time as the time stamp of the video stream.

VOB\_V\_E\_PTM (VOB video end PTM)

**[0181]** Stores the VOB presentation end time based on the same reference time as the time stamp of the video stream. It should be noted that the time stamp of the stream indicates the presentation start time of the frame, but this VOB\_V\_E\_PTM field records the presentation end time, that is, the sum of the start time plus the frame presentation period.

SMLI (seamless information) (Fig. 16)

**[0182]** SMLI stores the following information required for seamless reproduction with the preceding VOB. Note that this field is only recorded when the above-noted SML\_FLG is 1b.

VOB\_FIRST\_SCR

**[0183]** Stores the SCR of the first pack in the VOB.

PREV\_VOB\_LAST\_SCR

**[0184]** Stores the SCR of the last pack in the previous VOB.

AGAPI (audio gap information) (Fig. 16)

**[0185]** AGAPI records the following information required for the decoder to process an audio reproduction gap. This field is only recorded when a value other than 00b is written to the above-noted AO\_GAP\_LOC or A1\_GAP\_LOC.

VOB\_A\_STP\_PTM (VOB audio stop PTM)

**[0186]** Records the time of the audio reproduction gap, that is, the time at which the decoder is to temporarily stop audio reproduction. This time is recorded using the same reference time as the stream time stamp.

VOB\_A\_GAP\_LEN (VOB audio gap length)

**[0187]** Records the length of the audio reproduction gap in 90 kHz precision.

TMAPI (time map information) (Fig. 18)

**[0188]** The time map information comprises TMAP\_GI, TM\_ENT, and VOBU\_ENT fields.

TMAP\_GI (Fig. 18)

**[0189]** The general TMAP information TMAP\_GI comprises TM\_ENT\_Ns, VOBU\_ENT\_Ns, TM\_OFS, and ADR\_OFS fields as described below.

TM\_ENT\_Ns (TM\_ENT number)

**[0190]** Records the number of TM\_ENT fields in the TMAPI block as described below.

VOBU\_ENT\_Ns (VOBU\_ENT number)

**[0191]** Records the number of VOBU\_ENT fields in the TMAPI block as described below.

TM\_OFS (time offset)

**[0192]** Records the time map offset with the video field precision.

ADR\_OFS (address offset)

**[0193]** Records the offset in the first AV field in the VOB.

TM\_ENT (time entry) (Fig. 18)

**[0194]** A time entry comprises the following fields as access point information at a constant time interval TMU. If the video format is NTSC, the TMU is 600 video fields; if PAL, it is 500 video fields.

VOBU\_ENTN (VOBU\_ENT number)

**[0195]** Records the entry number of a VOBU containing the time (TMUx (N\_1) + TM\_OFS for the N-th TM\_ENT) indicated by the TM\_ENT.

TM\_DIFF (time difference)

**[0196]** Records the difference between the time indicated by this TM\_ENT and the presentation start time of the VOBU pointed to by VOBU\_ENTN.

VOBU\_ADR (VOBU address)

**[0197]** Records the start address in the VOB of the VOBU pointed to by VOBU\_ENTN.

VOBU\_ENT (Fig. 19)

**[0198]** The VOBU entry (VOBU\_ENT) has the fields shown below for the corresponding VOBU. The fields are formatted as shown in Fig. 19. The time and address information required to access a desired VOBU can be obtained by simply adding the following fields in sequence.

**1STREF\_SZ**

**[0199]** Stores the number of packs from the first pack in the VOB to the pack containing the last data block of the first I-picture in the VOB.

**VOBU\_PB\_TM**

**[0200]** Records the playback time of this VOB.

**VOBU\_SZ**

**[0201]** Records the data size of this VOB.

**S\_AVFIT (Fig. 20)**

**[0202]** The still image AV file information table comprises the following management information fields for the still image AV file RTR\_STILL.VRO: S\_AVFITI, S\_VOB\_STI, S\_AVFI.

S\_AVFITI (still image AV file information table information) (Fig. 20)

**[0203]** Stores the following information required to access S\_VOB\_STI, S\_AVFI, S\_AA\_STI (Fig. 21), and S\_AAFI (Fig. 21).

**S\_AVFI\_Ns (still image AV file information number)**

**[0204]** This is a value of either 0 or 1. This value corresponds to the number of still image AV files, that is, whether a RTR\_STILL.VRO file is present.

**S\_VOB\_STI\_Ns (still image VOB stream information number)**

**[0205]** Records the number of S\_VOB\_STI described below.

**S\_AVFI\_EA (still image AV file information end address)**

**[0206]** Records the S\_AVFI end address.

**S\_VOB\_STI (still image VOB stream information) (Fig. 20)**

**[0207]** Records the following still image VOB stream information.

**V\_ATR (video attributes)**

**[0208]** Information recorded as the video attributes are the Video compression mode, TV system, Aspect ratio, and Video resolution. These fields are as described above with reference to the video attributes of the M\_VOB\_STI,

**OA\_ATR (audio stream attributes)**

**[0209]** The audio stream attribute fields are: Audio coding mode, Application Flag, Quantization/DRC, fs, Number of Audio channels. These are also as described above with reference to the A\_ATR0 fields of the M\_VOB\_STI.

**SP\_PLT (subpicture color palette)**

**[0210]** Stores the color palette information for subpictures. The format is as described with reference to the SP\_PLT of M\_VOB\_STI.

**15 S\_AVFI (still image AV file information) (Fig. 24)**

**[0211]** Comprises the following fields required to access a still image VOG: S\_AVFI\_GI, S\_VOGI\_SRP, and S\_VOGI.

**20 S\_AVFI\_GI (Fig. 24)**

**[0212]** General still image AV file information S\_AVFI\_GI records S\_VOGI\_SRP\_Ns.

**25 S\_VOGI\_SRP\_Ns (still image VOB group search pointer number)**

**[0213]** Records the number of S\_VOGI\_SRP fields described below.

**30 S\_VOGI\_SRP (still image VOB group information search pointer) (Fig. 24)**

**[0214]** Records S\_VOGI\_SA.

**[0215]** S\_VOGI\_SA (still image VOB group information start address) records the start address of this S\_VOGI.

**40 S\_VOGI (Fig. 24)**

**[0216]** The still image VOB group information S\_VOGI comprises the following still image VOB management information fields: S\_VOG\_GI, S\_VOB\_ENT, and CP\_MNGI.

**S\_VOG\_GI (Fig. 24)**

**[0217]** General still image VOB group information S\_VOG\_GI records the following fields as general information relating to the still image VOB group.

**50 S\_VOB\_Ns (still image VOB number)**

**[0218]** Records the number of still image VOBs in the still image VOB group.

S\_VOB\_STIN (S\_VOB\_STI number)

[0219] Records the S\_VOB\_STI number storing the still image VOB stream information. This S\_VOB\_STI number is the recording sequence in the S\_VOB\_STI table.

FIRST\_VOB\_REC\_TM (first VOB recording date/time)

[0220] Records the recording date/time information of the first still image VOB in the still image VOB group.

LAST\_VOB\_REC\_TM (last VOB recording date/time)

[0221] Records the recording date/time information of the last still image VOB in the still image VOB group.

S\_VOB\_SA (still image VOB group start address)

[0222] Records the start address of the still image VOB group in the RTR\_STILL.VRO file.

S\_VOB\_ENT (Fig. 25)

[0223] Still image VOB entries S\_VOB\_ENT are defined as either type A or type B as described below according to whether there is audio recorded for individual still image VOBs in the still image VOB group.

S\_VOB\_ENT (Type A) (Fig. 25)

[0224] Type A comprises the fields S\_VOB\_ENT\_TY and V\_PART\_SZ, defined as follows.

S\_VOB\_ENT\_TY (still image VOB entry type)

[0225] Still image VOB type information is formatted as shown in Fig. 26.

MAP\_TY

[0226] Stores one of the following values for identifying type A or type B.

00b: type A

01b: type B

TE

[0227] Stores one of the following values indicating the status of the still image VOB.

0b: normal

1b: temporarily deleted

SPST\_Ns

[0228] Stores the number of subpicture streams in the

still image VOB.

V\_PART\_SZ (video part size)

5 [0229] Stores the data size of the video part of the still image VOB.

S\_VOB\_ENT (Type B) (Fig. 25)

10 [0230] In addition to S\_VOB\_ENT\_TY and V\_PART\_SZ fields, type B also has A\_PART\_SZ and A\_PB\_TM fields as defined below.

S\_VOB\_ENT\_TY (still image VOB entry type)

15 [0231] Records the type of the still image VOB. These fields are as described above with reference to type A and Fig. 26.

20 V\_PART\_SZ (video part size)

[0232] Stores the data size of the video part of the still image VOB.

25 A\_PART\_SZ (audio part size)

[0233] Stores the data size of the audio part of the still image VOB.

30 A\_PB\_TM (audio playback time)

[0234] Stores the playback time (length) of the audio part of the still image VOB.

35 S\_AAFI (Fig. 27)

[0235] The still image added audio file information comprises the following information fields: S\_AAFI\_GI, S\_AAGI\_SRP, and S\_AAGI.

40 S\_AAFI\_GI (general information) (Fig. 27)

[0236] General information about still image added audio files contains the following information.

45 S\_AAGI\_SRP\_Ns (still image added audio group information number)

[0237] Records the number of S\_AAGI\_SRP fields in the S\_AAFI block.

S\_AAGI\_SRP (Fig. 27)

55 [0238] Records the following information as a search pointer to the still image added audio group information.

S\_AAGI\_SA (still image added audio group information start address)

[0239] Records the start address of the S\_AAGI [S\_AAGI\_SA, sic] field in the still image added audio file information. 5

S\_AAGI (Fig. 28)

[0240] The still image added audio group information comprises the following fields: S\_AAG\_GI and AA\_ENT. 10

S\_AAG\_GI (Fig. 28)

[0241] The general still image added audio group information includes the following fields. 15

AA\_ENT\_Ns

[0242] Records the number of AA\_ENT fields in the still image added audio group. 20

S\_AA\_STIN (Fig. 21, Fig. 28)

[0243] Records the S\_AA\_STI number in the still image added audio group. 25

S\_AAG\_SA

[0244] Records the S\_AAG start address in the still image added audio group. 30

AA\_ENT (Fig. 28)

[0245] The added audio entry AA\_ENT records the following fields. 35

AA\_TY (Fig. 29)

[0246] Records the type of each added audio entry. 40

AA\_PART\_SZ

[0247] Records the size of the added audio entry. 45

AA\_PART\_PB\_TM

[0248] Records the playback time the added audio entry. 50

UD\_PGCIT (Fig. 30)

[0249] The user-defined PGC information table comprises the following fields: UD\_PGCITI, UD\_PGCI\_SRP, and UD\_PGCI. UD\_PGCITI (Fig. 30) 55

[0250] The user-defined PGC information table information UD\_PGCITI records the following fields constituting the user-defined PGC information table.

UD\_PGCI\_SRP\_Ns (user-defined PGC information search pointer number)

[0251] Records the number of UD\_PGCI\_SRP fields.

UD\_PGCIT\_EA (user-defined PGC information table end address)

[0252] Records the UD\_PGCIT end address.

UD\_PGCI\_SRP (Fig. 30)

[0253] The user-defined PGC information search pointer UD\_PGCI\_SRP records the UD\_PGCI\_SA field.

UD\_PGCI\_SA (user-defined PGC information start address)

[0254] Records the UD\_PGCI start address. This address is used to seek and access the PGCI.

UD\_PGCI (Fig. 30)

[0255] The detailed structure of the user-defined PGC information is described further below under the PGC information PGCI.

ORG\_PGCI (Fig. 5)

[0256] The detailed structure of the original PGC information is described further below under the PGC information PGCI.

TXTDT\_MG (Fig. 31)

[0257] The text data management field TXTDT\_MG comprises TXTDTI, IT\_TXT\_SRP, and IT\_TXT fields as described below.

TXTDTI (Fig. 31)

[0258] Text data information TXTDTI comprises the following fields: CHRS, IT\_TXT\_SRP\_Ns, TXTDT\_MG\_EA.

CHRS (character set code)

[0259] Records the character set code used for IT\_TXT.

IT\_TXT\_SRP\_Ns (IT\_TXT search pointer number)

[0260] Records the number of IT\_TXT\_SRP fields.

TXTDT\_MG\_EA (text data management end address)

[0261] Records the end address of the TXTDT\_MG block.



IT\_TXT\_SRP (Fig. 31)

**[0262]** The IT\_TXT search pointer IT\_TXT\_SRP records the following information for accessing IT\_TXT.

IT\_TXT\_SA (IT\_TXT start address)

**[0263]** Records the IT\_TXT start address. This address is used to seek and access the IT\_TXT block.

IT\_TXT\_SZ (IT\_TXT size)

**[0264]** Records the IT\_TXT data size. A desired IT\_TXT block can be read by reading this amount of data.

IT\_TXT (Fig. 31)

**[0265]** IT\_TXT comprises one or more sets of three fields: identification code IDCD, the text TXT corresponding to that ID code, and an end code TMCD defining the end of the set. If there is no TXT field for an IDCD, the TXT field can be omitted and IDCD and TMCD recorded as one set. Valid IDCD values are defined as follow.

Genre codes

**[0266]**

30h: movie  
31h: music  
32h: drama  
33h: animation  
34h: sports  
35h: documentary  
36h: news  
37h: weather  
38h: educational  
39h: hobby  
3Ah: entertainment  
3Bh: performing arts (plays, opera)  
3Ch: shopping

Input source codes

**[0267]**

60h: broadcasting station  
61h: camcorder  
62h: photograph  
63h: memo  
64h: other

PGCI (Fig. 32)

**[0268]** PGCI (PGC Information) is common to both ORG\_PGCI and UD\_PGCI, and comprises the following

fields: PGC\_GI, PGI, CI\_SRP, CI.

PGC\_GI (Fig. 32)

5 **[0269]** PGC\_GI (PGC general information) comprises the fields PG\_Ns and CI\_SRP\_Ns as general information about the PGC.

10 PG\_Ns (program number)

**[0270]** Records the number of programs in the PGC. If a user-defined PGC, this field is 0 because there is no program.

15 CI\_SRP\_Ns (CI\_SRP number)

**[0271]** Records the number of CI\_SRP, described below.

20 PGI (Fig. 32)

**[0272]** PGI (program information) comprises the following fields as described below: PG\_TY, C\_Ns, PRM\_TXTI, IT\_TXT\_SRPN, THM\_PTRI.

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PG\_TY (program type)

**[0273]** Records the following information formatted as shown in Fig. 33.

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Protect (protected)

**[0274]**

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Ob: normal  
1b: protected

C\_Ns (cell number)

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**[0275]** Records the cell number in the program.

PRM\_TXTI (primary text information)

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**[0276]** Records the text information describing program content. For further details, see the above-noted PL\_SRPT. IT\_TXT\_SRPN (IT\_TXT\_SRP number)

**[0277]** If IT\_TXT containing program content information is recorded in addition to the primary text noted above, the IT\_TXT\_SRP number recorded in

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TXDT\_MG is stored to this field.

THM\_PTRI (thumbnail image pointer information)

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**[0278]** Records the thumbnail image information representing this program. Details about the THM\_PTRI are identical to the above-noted THM\_PTRI of PL\_SRPT.

CI\_SRP (Fig. 32)

**[0279]** The cell information search pointer (CI\_SRP) records address information required for accessing this cell information.

CI\_SA (cell information start address)

**[0280]** Records the start address of the cell information. The cell is accessed by seeking this address.

CI (Fig. 32)

**[0281]** CI (cell information) is one of two types; M\_CI for movies, or S\_CI for still image.

M\_CI (Fig. 34)

**[0282]** M\_CI (movie cell information) comprises the following fields: M\_C\_GI and M\_C\_EPI.

M\_C\_GI (Fig. 34)

**[0283]** M\_C\_GI (movie cell general information) contains the following basic information for each cell.

C\_TY (cell type)

**[0284]** Records the following information formatted as shown in Fig. 35 for identifying movie cells and still image cells.

C\_TY1

**[0285]**

000b: movie cell  
001b: still image cell

M\_VOBI\_SRPN (movie VOB information search pointer number)

**[0286]** Records the search pointer number of the movie VOB information corresponding to this cell. To access the stream data corresponding to this cell, it is first necessary to access the movie VOB information search pointer number indicated by this field.

C\_EPI\_Ns (cell entry point information number)

**[0287]** Records the number of an entry point to this cell.

**[0288]** An entry point is an address in the reproduction path which can be used in a seek operation to find a specific point from which reproduction is to commence. If entry points are used and playback advances to an entry point in the reproduction path, playback can jump to the recorded absolute address and continue repro-

duction therefrom, thereby enabling a reproduction path to skip from point to point. These entry points can be set as desired in the reproduction stream in a manner similar to marking a page in a book with a bookmark so that if reproduction is interrupted it can be resumed as desired from a particular location.

C\_V\_S\_PTM (cell video start time)

**[0289]** Records the playback start time of the cell using the format shown in Fig. 10.

C\_V\_E\_PTM (cell video end time)

**[0290]** Records the playback end time of the cell using the format shown in Fig. 10. Used in conjunction with C\_V\_S\_PTM and C\_V\_E\_PTM to define the cell period within the corresponding VOB.

M\_C\_EPI (Fig. 36)

**[0291]** M\_C\_EPI (movie cell entry point information) is categorized as Type A or Type B based on the presence of primary text.

M\_C\_EPI (Type A) (Fig. 36)

**[0292]** M\_C\_EPI (Type A) contains the following information indicative of an entry point.

EP\_TY (entry point type)

**[0293]** Records the following information formatted as shown in Fig. 37 for identifying the entry point type.

EP\_TY1

**[0294]**

00b: Type A  
01b: Type B

EP\_PTM (entry point time)

**[0295]** Records the time at which the entry point is set according to the format as shown in Fig. 10.

M\_C\_EPI (Type B) (Fig. 36)

**[0296]** In addition to the same EP\_TY and EP\_PTM fields of Type A, M\_C\_EPI (Type B) has a PRM\_TXTI field as described below.

PRM\_TXTI (primary text information)

**[0297]** Records text information describing the content of the location indicated by the entry point. Details of this information are as described in the above-noted

PL\_SRPT.

S\_CI (Fig. 34)

[0298] S\_CI (still image cell information) comprises S\_C\_GI and S\_C\_EPI fields.

S\_C\_GI (Fig. 34)

[0299] S\_C\_GI (still image cell general information) contains the basic cell information described below.

C\_TY (cell type)

[0300] Records information for identifying movie cells and still image cells. This cell type information is as described above with reference to a movie cell.

S\_VOGI\_SRPN (still image VOB group information search pointer number)

[0301] Records the search pointer number of the still image VOB group information for the cell. To access the stream data corresponding to the cell, it is first necessary to access the still image VOB group information search pointer number indicated by this field.

C\_EPI\_Ns (cell entry point information number)

[0302] Records the number of an entry point in this cell.

S\_S\_VOB\_ENTN (starting still image VOB number)

[0303] Records the still image VOB number from which cell reproduction starts according to the format as shown in Fig. 11. The still image VOB number is the sequence number in the S\_VOG pointed to by the above-noted S\_VOGI\_SRPN.

E\_S\_VOB\_ENTN (end still image VOB number)

[0304] Records the still image VOB number at which cell reproduction ends according to the format as shown in Fig. 11. The still image VOB number is the sequence number in the S\_VOG pointed to by the above-noted S\_VOGI\_SRPN. It should be noted that the valid cell period in the S\_VOG to which the cell belongs is defined by this field in conjunction with S\_S\_VOB\_ENTN and E\_S\_VOB\_ENTN.

S\_C\_EPI (Fig. 36)

[0305] S\_C\_EPI (still image cell entry point information) is categorized as Type A or Type B depending upon the presence of primary text.

S\_C\_EPI (Type A) (Fig. 36)

[0306] S\_C\_EPI (Type A) contains the following information indicative of an entry point.

EP\_TY (entry point type)

[0307] Records the following information formatted as shown in Fig. 37 for identifying the entry point type.

EP\_TY1

[0308]

00b: Type A

01b: Type B

S\_VOB\_ENTN (still image VOB entry number)

[0309] Records the still image number in which the entry point is set according to the format as shown in Fig. 11.

S\_C\_EPI (Type B) (Fig. 36)

[0310] In addition to the same EP\_TY and S\_VOB\_ENTN fields of Type A, S\_C\_EPI (Type B) has a PRM\_TXTI as described below.

PRM\_TXTI (primary text information)

[0311] Records text information describing the content of the located indicated by the entry point. Details of this information are as described in the above-noted PL\_SRPT.

#### Entry points and management information

[0312] The relationship between entry points and management information is described next with reference to Fig. 44. As noted above, there are two types of AV data: M\_VOB and S\_VOB.

[0313] M\_VOB has M\_VOBI management information for each M\_VOB. M\_VOBI record attributes about the corresponding M\_VOB.

[0314] Attempting to manage S\_VOB with management information recorded for each individual S\_VOB [S\_VOG, sic] would significantly increase the amount of management information stored. A number of S\_VOB are therefore combined in S\_VOB groups (S\_VOG), which are then managed using management information S\_VOGI. The S\_VOGI stores attributes for the S\_VOB group.

[0315] Plural entry points can be set for the movie cells corresponding to an individual M\_VOB with the M\_C\_EPI (movie cell entry point information) recorded in M\_CI. As described above, M\_C\_EPI is either Type A or Type B depending on the presence of primary text.

If Type A, the entry point time (EP\_PTM), that is, the time at which the entry point is set, is recorded with the entry point type (EP\_TY). If Type B, text information (PRM\_TXT) describing the content of the address indicated by the entry point is recorded in addition to the information recorded for Type A.

[0316] Using the recorded entry point time (EP\_PTM) and filter TMAP for converting time and address information in the M\_VOBi, the time at which the entry point is placed can be converted to an M\_VOB address. The TMAP records the size of the VOBu corresponding to this time, and playback time information. This information can thus be used to calculate the address of the corresponding M\_VOB.

[0317] A method for converting time information to an address using this TMAP is taught in detail in Japanese Unexamined Patent Application (*koka*) 11-155130 (EU Patent 0 903 738 A2), the content of which is contained herein by reference.

[0318] Plural entry points can be set for the still image cells corresponding to an individual S\_VOB with the S\_C\_EPI (still image cell entry point information) recorded in S\_CI. As described above, S\_C\_EPI is either Type A or Type B depending on the presence of primary text. If Type A, the still image VOB number S\_VOB\_ENTN is recorded with the entry point type (EP\_TY). If Type B, text information (PRM\_TXT) describing the content of the address indicated by the entry point is recorded in addition to the information recorded for Type A.

[0319] The time at which the entry point is set can be converted to an S\_VOB address using the recorded still image VOB number S\_VOB\_ENTN in conjunction with the filter S\_VOB Entries for converting an address and still image number in the still image VOB group of the S\_VOBI. S\_VOB Entries records the Video Part size, which can be used to calculate the address of the Video Part contained in the corresponding still image VOB group.

[0320] As shown in Fig. 45, when plural reproduction paths are present, such as the user-defined PGC indicated by Play List #1 and Play List #2, it is still possible to set a plurality of entry points for each movie cell or still image cell.

[0321] If plural entry points are set for each M\_VOB movie cell, the M\_C\_EPI (movie cell entry point) field is recorded to M\_CI.

[0322] If plural entry points are set for each S\_VOB still image cell, the S\_C\_EPI (still image cell entry point) field is recorded to S\_CI.

[0323] The part shown as the program set in Fig. 45 corresponds to the original program information (ORG\_PGCI), and program #1 corresponds to PGI#1 of ORG\_PGCI in Fig. 34. Play list #1 also corresponds to UD\_PGCI PGI#1 in Fig. 34. The solid black triangles in Fig. 45 indicate entry point positions, the triangles at the M\_Cell corresponding to M\_C\_EPI#1 and #2 in Fig. 34, and the triangles at the S\_Cell, corresponding to S\_C\_EPI#1 and #2 in Fig. 34.

[0324] M\_Cell contains information indicating from and to where in the M\_VOBi block to reproduce. S\_Cell contains information indicating which still image in the S\_VOBI (still image VOB information) to reproduce.

[0325] A program for reproducing the program stream in the sequence recorded is set in the original program information (ORG\_PGCI). Play list #1 and #2 define a group of cells and a reproduction sequence as defined by the user. The time at which a particular cell is reproduced, that is, the presentation time, will thus vary for cells in the same program stream depending on whether the original program #1, play list #1, or play list #2 is reproduced. It will thus be obvious that the reproduction sequence can be changed, and parts of a program stream can be effectively deleted, by applying user-defined play lists to a same program stream. In other words, plural reproduction paths can be defined.

[0326] In addition, an entry point set for an M\_VOB in original program #1 (referred to as a first entry point) is managed by the original program management information (ORG\_PGCI), and an entry point (second entry point) set for the same M\_VOB but associated with play list #1 is managed by the management information UD\_PGCI of the play list #1. Therefore, when the program stream is reproduced according to program #1, only the first entry point operates as a valid entry point, and the second entry point is not used. Likewise when reproducing play list #1, only the second entry point operates as a valid entry point, and the first entry point is not used. It is thus possible as indicated by the black triangles in Fig. 45 to independently set entry points for each of plural reproduction paths.

[0327] The hierarchical structure of the ORG\_PGCI management information is shown in Fig. 5, Fig. 32, and Fig. 34.

[0328] The hierarchical structure of the UD\_PGCI management information is shown in Fig. 5, Fig. 30, Fig. 32, and Fig. 34. It should be noted that UD\_PGCI (user defined program chain information table) is shown in Fig. 5 because there can be plural UD\_PGCI. A UD\_PGCI table is therefore provided so that a desired single UD\_PGCI can be selected.

[0329] The S\_VOGI (Still Video Object Group Information) and movie management information M\_VOBI are shown in row L2 of Fig. 45. A maximum 999 M\_VOBI blocks can be created on an optical disc. The hierarchical structure of this M\_VOBI management information is shown in Fig. 5, Fig. 15, and Fig. 16.

[0330] It can be determined by reading the management information described next below in the sequence indicated by steps S1 to Sn whether a cell in the row L1 program chain information PGCI is associated with any M\_VOBI management information for movies on row L2.

[0331] S1 in Fig. 5 -> S2 -> S4 in Fig. 32 (C\_Ns is the number of cells in the program. The number of the cell contained in the desired program is obtained by counting from the first program. The number of the obtained

cell is used as the cell search pointer CI\_SRP#n.)

- > S5 -> S6 -> S7 (Obtain the cell address based on the cell search pointer.)
- > S8 (Obtain the number of the address cell information.) 5
- > Fig. 34, S9 (movie cell information M\_CI)
- > S10 (movie cell general information M\_CGI.)
- > S11 (movie VOB information search pointer number M\_VOBI\_SRPN) 10
- > Fig. 5, S12 (AV file information table)
- > Fig. 15, S13 -> S14 -> S15 (access the movie VOB information search pointer detected in S11)
- > S16 -> S17 (determine the movie VOB information start address) 15
- > S18 -> S19 (Step #495 in Fig. 49)

[0332] The start presentation time (VOB\_V\_S\_PTM) of the movie can be determined from the movie VOB information M\_VOBI in Fig. 18 using TMAP (S20) and TMAP\_BI (S21). 20

#### Configuration of a DVD recorder

[0333] The configuration of a DVD recorder is described next below with reference to Fig. 46. 25

[0334] As shown in the figure, this DVD recorder comprises a user interface 7801 for interaction with the user; a system controller 7802 for handling overall management and control of the recorder; an input block 7803 comprising an AD converter for audio and video input to the recorder; an encoder 7804; an output section 7805 for audio and video output; a decoder 7806 for MPEG stream decoding; track buffer 7807; and drive 7808. 30 35

#### Operation of a DVD recorder

[0335] An entry point reproduction operation using entry points is described next below.

[0336] When the user interface 7801 receives a entry point play request from the user requiring access to an entry point, it posts an entry point play request to the system controller 7802. The system controller 7802 then performs the following steps. 40 45

#### A. To play a movie

[0337]

- (1) If an optical disc is in the disc player, the system controller 7802 reads and stores the management information containing the entry point information from the disc. 50
- (2) The system controller 7802 reads address information indicating the current playback position from the decoder 7806. 55
- (3) The system controller 7802 converts this address information to time information T0 (in broad

terms, a point) in the reproduction path.

(4) The system controller 7802 then compares this time information T0 with the time list (time EP\_PTM recorded to M\_C\_EPI#1, #2...#n in Fig. 30), that is, the entry point information group in the management information. If forward playback is in progress, the system controller 7802 selects the entry point that is greater than (later than) time information T0 and is closest to T0 in the entry point time list. If reverse playback is in progress, the system controller 7802 selects the entry point that is lower (earlier) than and closest to T0.

(5) The system controller 7802 converts the time obtained from the time list to address information.

(6) The system controller 7802 instructs the drive 7808 to jump from the current playback position to the position identified by the converted address information.

(7) The system controller 7802 instructs the decoder 7806 to decode and output this new playback position to which the drive 7808 just jumped.

#### B. To play back

[0338]

(1) If an optical disc is in the disc player, the system controller 7802 reads and stores the management information containing the entry point information from the disc.

(2) The system controller 7802 reads address information indicating the current playback position from the decoder 7806.

(3) The system controller 7802 converts the address information to still image number information S0, that is, address information in the program stream. This still image number information S0 indicates the sequence number of the still image currently being reproduced in the reproduction path.

(4) The system controller 7802 compares the converted still image number information S0 with the still image number list (still image number S\_VOBI\_ENTN (Fig. 36) recorded in S\_C\_EPI#1, #2...#n (Fig. 30), that is, entry point information in the management information. If forward playback is in progress, the system controller 7802 selects the still image with a still image number next greater than still image number information S0 from the still image number list of entry points. If in reverse playback, it selects the still image with a still image number next lower than still image number information S0 from the still image number list of entry points.

(5) The system controller 7802 converts the still image number selected from the still image number list to address information.

(6) The system controller 7802 instructs the drive 7808 to jump from the current playback position to

the position identified by the converted address information.

(7) The system controller 7802 instructs the decoder 7806 to decode and output this new playback position to which the drive 7808 just jumped.

[0339] The process whereby the system controller 7802 converts an entry point to a VOB address during reproduction using an entry point is described next with reference to Fig. 47 and Fig. 48.

[0340] The system controller 7802 requires an entry point number as well as PGC number and cell number information to set an entry point (Fig. 49 #492).

[0341] Next, the system controller 7802 detects whether the cell containing the entry point specified in the cell information entered by the user by way of the user interface 7801 is a movie cell M\_Cell or still image cell S\_Cell (Fig. 49 #493).

[0342] If reproduction from an entry point in a movie cell M\_Cell is specified, the system controller 7802 converts the time at which the entry point is set to an M\_VOB address using the filter TMAP for converting a time in an M\_VOBI to an address (Fig. 47).

[0343] A process for converting a time to a movie VOB address is described next below with reference to Fig. 49.

[0344] The first step in this process is to read the entry point time EP\_PTM (formatted as shown in Fig. 36) recorded to the movie cell entry point information M\_C\_EPI obtained from the specified entry point (#494). The system controller 7802 then retrieves the corresponding movie VOB information search pointer number M\_VOBI\_SRPN from the movie cell information M\_CI specified by the cell number, and detects the search pointer number of the movie VOB information for the cell (#495).

[0345] The system controller 7802 then obtains the corresponding M\_VOBI from M\_VOBI\_SRPN, and using the TMAP filter in M\_VOBI obtains the EP\_PTM detected in #494 as the address of a specific location in M\_VOB. (#496)

[0346] The drive then accesses the detected address, and begins reproduction therefrom (#500). It is therefore possible to start playback from the entry point

[0347] If playback from an entry point in a still image cell S\_Cell is specified, the DVD recorder converts the S\_VOB in which the entry point is set to an S\_VOB address using the S\_VOB Entries filter for converting the still image number and address information of the S\_VOBI within the group (Fig. 48).

[0348] A process for converting a time to a still image VOB address is described next below with reference to Fig. 49.

[0349] The first step in this process is to read the still image VOB entry number S\_VOB\_ENTN (formatted as shown in Fig. 36) recorded to the still image entry point information S\_C\_EPI obtained from the specified entry point (#497). The system controller 7802 then retrieves

the corresponding still image VOB group information search pointer number S\_VOGL\_SRPN from the still image cell information S\_CI specified by the cell number, and detects the search pointer number of the still image VOB group information for the cell (#498).

[0350] The system controller 7802 then obtains S\_VOB Entries corresponding to S\_VOGL\_SRPN, calculates the video part size V\_PART\_SZ to the S\_VOB\_ENTN detected in #497, and converts the time where the entry point is set to a still image VOB address (#499).

[0351] The drive then accesses the detected address, and begins reproduction therefrom (#500). It is therefore possible to start playback from the entry point. By thus converting entry point information to address information, the DVD recorder is able to use entry points set in the bitstream to begin playback from any desired point in the reproduction path.

[0352] Referring to Fig. 46, the system controller 7802 requests the drive 7808 to begin reading the stream based on address information converted from the disc, and instructs the decoder 7806 to decode and output the stream thus read.

[0353] The drive 7808 thus reads the stream from DVD-RAM and passes the stream to the track buffer 7807.

[0354] The decoder 7806 reads the stream from the track buffer, decodes the stream, and passes the decoded stream to output section 7805.

[0355] The output section 7805 then outputs the decoded video and audio to the monitor (screen) and speakers.

[0356] A method for jumping reproduction to a desired point in a reproduction path containing still images with no accompanying audio is described next with reference to Fig. 50.

[0357] The playback time is not specified for still images with no accompanying audio. The playback time in this case is determined by STILL\_TM or by user operations. A particular entry point therefore does not necessarily always indicate the same time (presentation time). Therefore, even if "00:07:50" is specified as the playback start time (Fig. 50), image "A" is not necessarily the image displayed because image "B" may still be displayed depending on any change in the value of STILL\_TM.

[0358] On the other hand, an entry point is contained in a cell, and is therefore not affected by the playback time of the reproduction path. Playback from the same entry point is therefore always possible even if the playback time or playback end time of the part of the bitstream other than the cell containing the specified entry point changes as a result of the STILL\_TM value or user operations.

[0359] A high speed search (entry point skip) operation using these entry points is described next with reference to Figs. 46, 51, and 52.

[0360] When the system controller 7802 performs a

high speed search (such as to skip commercials) during stream reproduction (Fig. 46), it compares the current playback time with the time at which an entry point is set, and searches for the closest future entry point from the current time. The system controller 7802 then converts the entry point resulting from this search to a VOB address, requests the drive 7808 to begin reading the bitstream from the disc based on this converted address information, and requests the decoder 7806 to decode and output the stream.

[0361] The drive 7808 thus reads the bitstream from DVD-RAM, and outputs the bitstream to the track buffer 7807.

[0362] The decoder 7806 thus reads and decodes the bitstream from the track buffer, and outputs the decoded stream to the output section 7805.

[0363] The output section 7805 then outputs the decoded video and audio to the display monitor and speakers.

[0364] The operation of the system controller during a high speed search using these entry points is described next with reference to Fig. 52.

[0365] The system controller 7802 receives from a user or disc player a request to jump to the next entry point (#521).

[0366] The system controller 7802 thus detects the address of the VOB currently being reproduced from the decoder 7806 (#522).

[0367] The system controller 7802 converts the VOB address to a time to determine the current time (#523).

[0368] Next, the system controller 7802 obtains a table of entry points in the cell being reproduced, and compares the current time with the entry point times in the table to retrieve the closest future entry point from the current time (#524, #525).

[0369] The system controller 7802 then jumps to and starts playback from the retrieved entry point according to the entry point playback procedure described above with reference to Figs. 47, 48, and 49 (#526).

[0370] A DVD recorder can thus perform a high speed search such as one for skipping commercials by using entry points as described above.

[0371] An entry point recording operation is described next below with reference to Figs. 46 and 53.

[0372] When the user interface 7801 receives a user request to set an entry point at a particular time, it requests the system controller 7802 to perform an entry point setting process.

[0373] The system controller 7802 generates and stores a time at which to set an entry point in the movie cell M\_Cell or still image cell S\_Cell corresponding to the M\_VOB or S\_VOB in which the entry point is to be set.

[0374] If the entry point is to be set to a movie cell M\_Cell, the system controller 7802 adds movie cell entry point information M\_C\_EPI to the corresponding movie cell information M\_CI, and generates and stores the entry point type EP\_TY and entry point time

EP\_PTM. If the entry point type is M\_C\_EPI Type B shown in Fig. 36, text information PRM\_TXT is also generated and stored.

[0375] If the entry point is to be set to a still image cell S\_Cell, the system controller adds still image entry point information S\_C\_EPI to the corresponding still image cell information S\_CI, and generates and stores the entry point type EP\_TY and still image VOB entry number S\_VOB\_ENTN. If the entry point type is S\_C\_EPI Type B shown in Fig. 36, text information PRM\_TXT is also generated and stored.

[0376] The entry point information stored by the system controller 7802 is then recorded to the optical disc as part of the management information.

[0377] System controller operation for entry point recording is described next with reference to Fig. 53.

[0378] The system controller 7802 obtains the VOB address currently being reproduced or recorded from the decoder (during playback) or encoder (during recording) (#532).

[0379] Next, the system controller 7802 converts this VOB address information to time information or a specific still image number to detect the current time information or still image number information (#533). The TMAP information and VOB Entries information are continuously generated as necessary even during bitstream encoding. It is therefore possible to convert the detected VOB address information to time or image number information and obtain the current time or image number.

[0380] Finally, the system controller 7802 additionally records entry point information to the movie cell information M\_CI or still image cell information S\_CI corresponding to the M\_VOB or S\_VOB for which an entry point is to be set (#534). This results in entry point time EP\_PTM being newly recorded to movie cell information M\_CI, and still image VOB entry number S\_VOB\_ENTN, that is, the sequential still image number, being newly recorded to still image cell information S\_CI. It should be noted that this recording step refers to the entry point information being temporarily stored by system controller 7802 and recorded to optical disc in the management information format.

[0381] A DVD recorder is thus enabled by the above described process to record entry points.

#### Screen display

[0382] Fig. 54 is used to describe a typical screen display using entry points.

[0383] Two reproduction paths are shown on screen, "third grade field day" and a separate "fifth grade field day," each having a plurality of entry points set therein. It is therefore possible for a user to select any one of plural entry points, each having logical meaning, from which to start playback so that playback in each case starts from a meaningful place in the bitstream.

[0384] If the entry point is of Type B, it is also possible to display text, such as "100 m sprint" or "rooting fans."

In this case the user can select the playback starting point by referring not only to time information but also to text indicative of the bitstream content, thus making it even easier to select the point from which to start playback.

[0385] Fig. 55 shows a further exemplary screen display using information about the cells for which an entry point is set.

[0386] Information about the entry points recorded to the reproduction path is displayed on screen. The type of cell for which an entry point is set is indicated by the labels "M" for movie cell and "S" for still image cell. The user is thus able to know whether the image for which each entry point is set is a movie or still image.

[0387] It should be noted that the present invention has been described with reference to DVD-RAM media. It will be also obvious, however, that entry points can be similarly set using other types of media, and the present invention shall therefore not be limited to DVD-RAM discs or even to optical discs.

[0388] It should be noted that movie VOBs and still image VOBs are recorded to AV files separately from other VOBs in the preferred embodiment described above, but these can also be recorded with other types of VOBs to the same AV file.

[0389] In addition, the present invention shall not be limited to the AV file structure described above.

#### Benefits of the Invention

[0390] An optical disc or other random access capable data storage medium for recording at least moving picture data is recorded with information about a plurality of reproduction paths for each of which is recorded a plurality of entry points.

[0391] It is therefore possible to use a plurality of entry points for each reproduction path, and thereby achieve random accessibility, a feature of disc media that tape media does not have, in each of a plurality of reproduction paths each having logical meaning.

#### Claims

1. An optical disc storing a program stream of audiovisual content, original program management information for managing reproduction of the program stream, play list management information for managing reproduction of at least a part of the program stream, and a number-address conversion table.

wherein said program stream and said part of the program stream each contains a plurality of still images, each still image having different data size.

said original program management information containing;

first start number information (S\_S\_VOB\_ENTN) representing a start number of a still image from which the reproduction of the original program starts; first end number information (S\_E\_VOB\_ENTN) representing an end number of a still image at which the reproduction of the original program ends; and first entry point information to be set for the program stream for arbitrary access and reproduction said first entry point information comprising first number information (S\_C\_EPI) representing a number of a still image contained within the program stream.

said play list management information containing:

second start number information (S\_S\_VOB\_ENTN) representing a start number of a still image from which the reproduction of said part of the program stream starts;

second end number information (S\_E\_VOB\_ENTN) representing an end number of a still image at which the reproduction of said part of the program stream ends and

second entry point information to be set for said part of the program stream for arbitrary access and reproduction, said second entry point information comprising second number information (S\_C\_EPI) representing a number of a still image contained within said part of the program stream.

said number-address conversion table (S\_VOB\_Entries) defining a relationship between the number of the still image and the data size of the still image to convert the number of the still image and an address on the optical disc for the still image.

2. An optical disc as described in claim 1, wherein said program stream and said part of the program stream, each further containing a moving picture.

said original program management information further containing:

first start time information (C\_V\_S\_PTM) representing a start time of the moving picture from which the reproduction of the original program starts; and first end time information (C\_V\_E\_PTM) representing an end time of moving picture at which the reproduction of the original program ends.



said first entry point information further comprising first time information (M\_C\_EPI) representing time at which the moving picture contained in the original program is reproduced  
said play list management information further containing:

second start time information (C\_V\_S\_PTM) representing a start time of the moving picture from which the reproduction of said part of the program stream starts:

second end time information (C\_V\_E\_PTM) representing an end time of the moving picture at which the reproduction of said part of the program stream ends.

said second entry point information further comprising second time information (M\_C\_EPI) representing time at which the moving picture contained in said part of the program stream is reproduced, and  
said optical disc further recorded with a time-address conversion table (TMAP) which defines a relationship between reproduction time and an address on the optical disc for the moving picture, to convert the reproduction time and address for the moving picture.

3. An optical disc as described in claim 2, wherein said original program management information and said play list management information, each comprises cell type information (C\_TY) indicating whether a cell, which is provided for defining said program stream or said part of the program stream, is a cell for carrying still images or a cell for carrying a moving picture.
4. An optical disc as described in claim 1, wherein each of the first and the second entry point information comprises text information (PRM\_TXTI) representing contents of each of the first and the second entry point information.
5. An optical disc as described in claim 4, wherein each of the first and the second entry point information comprising entry point type information (EP\_TY) indicating the presence or absence of the text information.
6. An optical disc as described in claim 1, wherein said play list management information comprises for each of a plurality of parts of said program stream, the second start number information, the second end number information and the second entry point information.

7. An optical disc player for reproducing an optical disc as described in claim 2, comprising:

a storage means (7802) for reading and storing the entry point information from the optical disc;  
a decoder (7806) for decoding the program stream and generating address information during program stream reproduction;  
a conversion means (7802) for converting the address information to point information in the program stream in accordance with either one of the conversion tables;  
a selection means (7802) for selecting the entry point information closest to the point information;  
a conversion means (7802) for converting the selected entry point information to address information in accordance with either one of the conversion tables; and  
a drive means (7808) for jumping to a location based on the converted address information, wherein the decoder decodes and reproduces from the jump destination.

8. An optical disc player as described in claim 7, wherein the point information is time information (EP\_PTM) when the program stream is moving picture content.
9. An optical disc player as described in claim 7, wherein the point information is still image number information (S\_VOB\_ENTN) when the program stream is still image content.
10. An optical disc player as described in claim 7, wherein the entry point information further comprises text information (PRM\_TXTI), and the decoder further reproduces the text information.
11. An optical disc playback method for playing back an optical disc as described in claim 2, comprising the steps of:

reading and storing the entry point information from the optical disc;  
decoding the program stream and generating address information during program stream reproduction;  
converting the address information to point information in the program stream in accordance with either one of the conversion tables;  
selecting the entry point information closest to the point information;  
converting the selected entry point information to address information in accordance with either one of the conversion tables;  
jumping to a location based on the converted address information, and

decoding and reproducing from the jump destination.

12. An optical disc recorder for recording to an optical disc as described in claim 2 comprising:

an interface (7801) for receiving entry point information input;  
means (7804, 7806) for generating address information at the time the entry point information is received;  
a conversion means (7802) for converting the address information to entry point information in the program stream in accordance with either one of the conversion tables;  
a storage means (7802) for temporarily storing the entry point information; and  
a drive means (7808) for recording the stored entry point information to the optical disc.

13. An optical disc recorder as described in claim 12, wherein the point information is time information (EP\_PTM) when the program stream is moving picture content.

14. An optical disc recorder as described in claim 12, wherein the point information is still image number information (S\_VOB\_ENTN) when the program stream is still image content.

15. An optical disc recorder as described in claim 12, wherein the entry point information further comprises text information (PRM\_TXTI), and the storage means generates and stores said text information.

16. An optical disc recording method for recording to the optical disc as described in claim 2 comprising the steps of:

receiving entry point information input;  
generating address information at the time the entry point information is received;  
converting the address information to entry point information in the program stream in accordance with either one of the conversion tables;  
temporarily storing the entry point information; and  
recording the stored entry point information to the optical disc.

#### Patentansprüche

1. Optische Scheibe, in der gespeichert ist ein Programmfluss mit audio-visuellem Inhalt, eine Ursprungsprogrammbehandlungsinformation zum Behandeln der Wiedergabe des Programmflusses,

eine Wiedergabelistenbehandlungsinformation zum Behandeln der Wiedergabe zumindest eines Teils des Programmflusses, und eine Nummern-Adressen-Umwandlungstabelle,

wobei der Programmfluss und der Teil des Programmflusses jeweils eine Vielzahl von Standbildern enthält, wobei jedes Standbild eine andere Datengröße aufweist, wobei die Ursprungsprogrammbehandlungsinformation beinhaltet:

eine erste Startnummerninformation (S\_S\_VOB\_ENTN), die eine Startnummer eines Standbilds repräsentiert, ab dem die Wiedergabe des Ursprungsprogramms beginnt;  
eine erste Endnummerninformation (S\_E\_VOB\_ENTN), die eine Endnummer eines Standbilds repräsentiert, bei der die Wiedergabe des Ursprungsprogramms endet; und  
eine erste Einstiegspunktkinformation, die für den Programmfluss für willkürlichen Zugriff und Wiedergabe festzulegen ist, wobei die erste Einstiegspunktkinformation eine erste Nummerninformation (S\_C\_EPI) aufweist, die eine Nummer eines innerhalb des Programmflusses enthaltenen Standbilds repräsentiert,

wobei die Wiedergabelistenbehandlungsinformation enthält:

eine zweite Startnummerninformation (S\_S\_VOB\_ENTN), die eine Startnummer eines Standbilds repräsentiert, ab dem die Wiedergabe des Teils des Programmflusses beginnt;  
eine zweite Endnummerninformation (S\_E\_VOB\_ENTN), die eine Endnummer eines Standbilds repräsentiert, bei dem die Wiedergabe des Teils des Programmflusses endet; und  
eine zweite Einstiegspunktkinformation, die für den Teil des Programmflusses für willkürlichen Zugriff und Wiedergabe festzulegen ist, wobei die zweite Einstiegspunktkinformation eine zweite Nummerninformation (S\_C\_EPI) aufweist, die eine Nummer eines innerhalb des Teils des Programmflusses enthaltenen Standbilds repräsentiert,

wobei die Nummern-Adressen-Umwandlungstabelle (S\_VOB\_Entries) eine Beziehung zwischen der Nummer des Standbilds und der Datengröße des Standbilds definiert, um die Num-

mer des Standbilds und eine Adresse auf der optischen Scheibe für das Standbild umzuwandeln.

2. Optische Scheibe nach Anspruch 1, wobei der Programmfluss und der Teil des Programmflusses jeweils des weiteren ein Bewegtbild enthalten,

wobei die Ursprungsprogrammbehandlungsinformation des weiteren enthält:

eine erste Startzeitinformation (C\_V\_S\_PTM), die eine Startzeit des Bewegtbilds repräsentiert, ab dem die Wiedergabe des Ursprungsprogramms beginnt; und  
eine erste Endzeitinformation (C\_V\_E\_PTM), die eine Endzeit des Bewegtbilds repräsentiert, bei der die Wiedergabe des Ursprungsprogramms endet,

wobei die erste Einstiegspunktkinformation des weiteren aufweist eine erste Zeitinformation (M\_C\_EPI), die eine Zeit repräsentiert, bei der das in dem Ursprungsprogramm enthaltene Bewegtbild wiedergegeben wird, wobei die Wiedergabelistenbehandlungsinformation des weiteren enthält:

eine zweite Startzeitinformation (C\_V\_S\_PTM), die eine Startzeit des Bewegtbilds repräsentiert, ab der die Wiedergabe des Teils des Programmflusses beginnt;  
eine zweite Endzeitinformation (C\_V\_E\_PTM), die eine Endzeit des Bewegtbilds repräsentiert, bei der die Wiedergabe des Teils des Programmflusses endet,

wobei die zweite Einstiegspunktkinformation des weiteren aufweist eine zweite Zeitinformation (M\_C\_EPI), die einen Zeitpunkt repräsentiert, an dem das in dem Teil des Programmflusses enthaltene Bewegtbild wiedergegeben wird, und

wobei die optische Scheibe des weiteren beschrieben ist mit einer Zeit-Adressen-Umwandlungstabelle (TMAP), die eine Beziehung zwischen einer Wiedergabezeit und einer Adresse für das Bewegtbild definiert, um die Wiedergabezeit und die Adresse für das Bewegtbild umzuwandeln.

3. Optische Scheibe nach Anspruch 2, wobei die Ursprungsprogrammbehandlungsinformation und die Wiedergabelistenbehandlungsinformation jeweils eine Zellentypinformation (C\_TY) aufweisen,

die angibt, ob eine Zelle, die zum Definieren des Programmflusses oder des Teils des Programmflusses bereitgestellt ist, eine Zelle zum Aufnehmen von Standbildern oder eine Zelle zum Aufnehmen eines Bewegtbilds ist.

4. Optische Scheibe nach Anspruch 1, wobei jede der ersten und zweiten Einstiegspunktkinformationen eine Textinformation (PRM\_TXTI) aufweist, die Inhalte einer jeden der ersten und zweiten Einstiegspunktkinformationen repräsentiert.

5. Optische Scheibe nach Anspruch 4, wobei jede der ersten und zweiten Einstiegspunktkinformationen eine Einstiegspunktktypinformation (EP\_TY) aufweist, die das Vorhandensein oder die Abwesenheit der Textinformation anzeigt.

6. Optische Scheibe nach Anspruch 1, wobei die Wiedergabelistenbehandlungsinformation für jeden einer Vielzahl von Teilen des Programmflusses die zweite Startnummerninformation, die zweite Endnummerninformation und die zweite Einstiegspunktkinformation aufweist.

7. Optischer Diskplayer zum Wiedergeben einer optischen Scheibe nach Anspruch 2, umfassend:

eine Spelchereinrichtung (7802) zum Lesen und Speichern der Einstiegspunktkinformation von der optischen Scheibe;  
einen Decoder (7806) zum Decodieren des Programmflusses und zum Erzeugen einer Adressinformation während der Programmflusswiedergabe;  
eine Umwandlungseinrichtung (7802) zum Umwandeln der Adressinformation in eine Punktkinformation in dem Programmfluss entsprechend einer der Umwandlungstabellen,  
eine Auswahlrichtung (7802) zum Auswählen der zu der Punktkinformation am nächsten gelegenen Einstiegspunktkinformation;  
eine Umwandlungseinrichtung (7802) zum Umwandeln der ausgewählten Einstiegspunktkinformation in eine Adressinformation entsprechend einer der Umwandlungstabellen; und  
eine Antriebseinrichtung (7808) zum Springen zu einem Ort basierend auf der umgewandelten Adressinformation, wobei der Decoder das Sprungziel decodiert und wiedergibt.

8. Optischer Diskplayer nach Anspruch 7, wobei die Punktkinformation eine Zeitinformation (EP\_PTM) ist, wenn der Programmfluss ein Bewegtbildinhalt ist.

9. Optischer Diskplayer nach Anspruch 7, wobei die

Punktinformation eine Standbildnummerninformation (S\_VOB\_ENTN) ist, wenn der Programmfluss ein Standbildinhalt ist.

10. Optischer Diskplayer nach Anspruch 7, wobei die Einstiegspunktinformation des weiteren eine Textinformation (PRM\_TXTI) aufweist, und der Decoder des weiteren die Textinformation wiedergibt.

11. Optisches Diskabspielverfahren zum Abspielen einer optischen Scheibe nach Anspruch 2, mit den Schritten:

Lesen und Speichern der Einstiegspunktinformation von der optischen Scheibe;  
Decodieren des Programmflusses und Erzeugen einer Adressinformation während der Programmflusswiedergabe;  
Umwandeln der Adressinformation in eine Punktinformation in dem Programmfluss entsprechend einer der Umwandlungstabellen;  
Auswählen der zu der Punktinformation nächstgelegenen Einstiegspunktinformation;  
Umwandeln der ausgewählten Einstiegspunktinformation in eine Adressinformation entsprechend einer der Umwandlungstabellen;  
Springen zu einem Ort basierend auf der umgewandelten Adressinformation, und Decodieren und Wiedergeben des Sprungziels.

12. Optischer Diskrecorder zum Aufzeichnen auf eine optische Scheibe nach Anspruch 2, mit:

einer Schnittstelle (7801) zum Empfangen einer Einstiegspunktinformationseingabe;  
einer Einrichtung (7804, 7806) zum Erzeugen einer Adressinformation zu dem Zeitpunkt, an dem die Einstiegspunktinformation empfangen wird;  
einer Umwandlungseinrichtung (7802) zum Umwandeln der Adressinformation in eine Einstiegspunktinformation in dem Programmfluss entsprechend einer der Umwandlungstabellen;  
einer Speichereinrichtung (7802) zum vorübergehenden Speichern der Einstiegspunktinformation; und  
einer Antriebseinrichtung (7808) zum Aufzeichnen der gespeicherten Einstiegspunktinformation auf die optische Scheibe.

13. Optischer Diskrecorder nach Anspruch 12, wobei die Punktinformation eine Zeitinformation (EP\_PTM) ist, wenn der Programmfluss ein Bewegtbildinhalt ist.

14. Optischer Diskrecorder nach Anspruch 12, wobei die Punktinformation eine Standbildnummerninfor-

mation (S\_VOB\_ENTN) ist, wenn der Programmfluss ein Standbildinhalt ist.

15. Optischer Diskrecorder nach Anspruch 12, wobei die Einstiegspunktinformation des weiteren eine Textinformation (PRM\_TXTI) aufweist, und die Speichereinrichtung die Textinformation erzeugt und speichert.

16. Optisches Diskaufzeichnungsverfahren zum Aufzeichnen auf die optische Scheibe nach Anspruch 2, mit den Schritten:

Empfangen einer Einstiegspunktinformationseingabe;  
Erzeugen einer Adressinformation zu dem Zeitpunkt, an dem die Einstiegspunktinformation empfangen wird;  
Umwandeln der Adressinformation in eine Einstiegspunktinformation in dem Programmfluss entsprechend einer der Umwandlungstabellen;  
Vorübergehendes Speichern der Einstiegspunktinformation; und  
Aufzeichnen der gespeicherten Einstiegspunktinformation auf die optische Scheibe.

#### Revendications

1. Disque optique mémorisant une suite de programmes de contenu audiovisuel, des informations de gestion de programmes d'origine pour gérer la reproduction de la suite de programmes, des informations de gestion de liste de restitution pour gérer la reproduction d'au moins une partie de la suite des programmes et une table de conversion numéro-adresse.

dans lequel ladite suite de programmes et ladite partie de la suite de programmes contiennent chacun une pluralité d'images fixes, chaque image fixe ayant une taille de données différente;

lesdites informations de programmes d'origine contenant:

des premières informations de numéro de début (S\_E\_VOB\_ENTN) représentant un numéro de début d'une image fixe à partir de laquelle la reproduction du programme d'origine commence;

des premières informations de numéro de fin (S\_E\_VOB\_ENTN) représentant un numéro de fin d'une image fixe à partir de laquelle la reproduction du programme d'origine se termine; et

des premières informations de points d'entrée qui doivent être établis pour la suite de programmes pour accès et reproduction arbitraires, lesdites premières informations de points d'entrée comprenant des premières informations de numéro (S\_C\_EPI) représentant un numéro d'une image fixe contenue dans la suite des programmes ;

lesdites informations de liste de restitutions contenant :

des secondes informations de numéro de début (S\_S\_VOB\_ENTN) représentant un numéro de début d'une image fixe à partir de laquelle la reproduction de ladite partie de la suite de programmes commence ;

des secondes informations de numéro de fin (S\_E\_VOB\_ENTN) représentant un numéro de fin d'une image fixe à laquelle la reproduction de ladite partie de la suite de programmes se termine ; et

des secondes informations de points d'entrée qui doivent être établis pour la suite de programmes pour accès et reproduction arbitraires, lesdites secondes informations de points d'entrée comprenant des secondes informations de numéro (S\_C\_EPI) représentant un numéro d'une image fixe contenue dans ladite partie de la suite des programmes ;

ladite table de conversion numéro-adresse (Entrées\_S\_VOB) définissant une relation entre le numéro de l'image fixe et le temps de données de l'image fixe pour convertir le numéro de l'image fixe et une adresse sur le disque optique pour l'image fixe.

2. Disque optique selon la revendication 1, dans lequel ladite suite de programmes et ladite partie de la suite de programmes contiennent en outre chacun une image animée ;

lesdites informations de programme d'origine contenant en outre :

des premières informations de temps de début (C\_V\_S\_PTM) représentant un temps de début de l'image animée à partir de laquelle la reproduction du programme d'origine commence ; et

des premières informations de temps de fin (C\_V\_E\_PTM) représentant un temps de fin de l'image animée à partir de laquelle

la reproduction du programme d'origine se termine ;

lesdites premières informations de point d'entrée comprenant, en outre, des premières informations de temps (M\_C\_EPI) représentant le temps auquel l'image animée contenue dans le programme d'origine est reproduite ;

lesdites informations de gestion de liste de restitutions contenant en outre :

des secondes informations de temps de début (C\_V\_S\_PTM) représentant un temps de début de l'image animée à partir de laquelle la reproduction de ladite partie de la suite de programmes commence ;

des secondes informations de temps de fin (C\_V\_E\_PTM) représentant un temps de fin de l'image animée à laquelle la reproduction de ladite partie de la suite de programmes se termine ;

lesdites secondes informations de point d'entrée comprenant, en outre, des secondes informations de temps (M\_C\_EPI) représentant le temps auquel l'image animée contenue dans ladite partie de la suite de programmes est reproduite ; et

ledit disque optique étant enregistré en outre avec une table de conversion temps-adresse (TMAP) qui définit une relation entre le temps de reproduction et une adresse sur le disque optique pour l'image animée pour convertir le temps de reproduction et l'adresse pour l'image animée.

3. Disque optique selon la revendication 2, dans lequel lesdites informations de programme d'origine et lesdites informations de gestion de liste de restitutions comprennent chacune des informations de type cellule (C\_TY) indiquant si une cellule, qui est prévue pour définir ladite suite de programmes ou ladite partie de la suite de programmes est une cellule pour transporter des images fixes ou une cellule pour transporter une image animée.

4. Disque optique selon la revendication 1, dans lequel chacune des premières et secondes informations de point d'entrée comprennent des informations de texte (PRM\_TXTI) représentant les contenus de chacune des premières et secondes informations de point d'entrée.

5. Disque optique selon la revendication 4, dans le-

quel chacune des premières et secondes informations de point d'entrée comprenant des informations du type point d'entrée (EP\_TY) indiquant la présence ou l'absence d'informations de texte.

6. Disque optique selon la revendication 1, dans lequel lesdites informations de gestion de liste de restitutions comprennent pour chacune d'une pluralité des parties de ladite suite de programmes, les secondes informations de numéro de début, les secondes informations du numéro de fin et les secondes informations de point d'entrée. 5 10
7. Lecteur de disque optique pour reproduire un disque optique selon la revendication 2, comprenant : 15
  - un moyen de mémorisation (7802) pour lire et mémoriser les informations de point d'entrée à partir du disque optique; 20
  - un décodeur (7806) pour décoder la suite des programmes et générer des informations d'adresses pendant la reproduction de la suite de programmes; 25
  - un moyen de conversion (7802) pour convertir les informations d'adresse en informations de point dans la suite de programmes en conformité avec l'une quelconque des tables de conversion; 30
  - un moyen de sélection (7802) pour sélectionner les informations de point d'entrée les plus proches des informations d'adresse en conformité avec l'une quelconque des tables de conversion; et 35
  - un moyen d'unité de disque (7808) pour sauter à un emplacement sur la base des informations d'adresse converties; 40

dans lequel le décodeur décode et reproduit à partir de ladite destination du saut.
8. Lecteur de disque optique selon la revendication 7, dans lequel les informations de point sont des informations de temps (EP\_PTM) lorsque la suite de programmes est à contenu d'image animée. 45
9. Lecteur de disque optique selon la revendication 7, dans lequel les informations de point sont des informations de numéro d'image fixe (S\_VOB\_ENTN) lorsque la suite des programmes est à contenu d'image fixe. 50
10. Lecteur de disque optique selon la revendication 7, dans lequel les informations de point d'entrée comprennent, en outre, des informations de texte 55

(PRM\_TXTI) et le décodeur reproduit en outre les informations de texte.

11. Procédé de reproduction de disque optique pour reproduire un disque optique selon la revendication 2, comprenant les étapes consistant à : 5

lire et mémoriser les informations de point d'entrée à partir du disque optique;

décoder la suite de programmes et générer les informations d'adresse pendant la reproduction de la suite de programmes;

convertir les informations d'adresses en informations de point dans la suite des programmes en conformité avec l'une quelconque des tables de conversion;

sélectionner les informations de point d'entrée les plus proches des informations de point;

convertir les informations de point d'entrée sélectionnées en informations d'adresse en conformité avec l'une quelconque des tables de conversion;

sauter à un emplacement sur la base des informations d'adresse converties; et

décoder et reproduire à partir de la destination du saut.

12. Enregistreur de disque optique pour enregistrer sur un disque optique selon la revendication 2, comprenant : 35

une interface (7801) pour recevoir l'entrée des informations de point d'entrée;

un moyen (7804, 7806) pour générer des informations d'adresse au moment où les informations de point d'entrée sont reçues;

un moyen de conversion (7802) pour convertir les informations d'adresse en informations de point dans la suite de programmes en conformité avec l'une quelconque des tables de conversion;

un moyen de mémorisation (7802) pour mémoriser temporairement les informations de point d'entrée; et

un moyen d'unité de disque (7808) pour enregistrer les informations de point d'entrée mémorisées sur le disque optique.

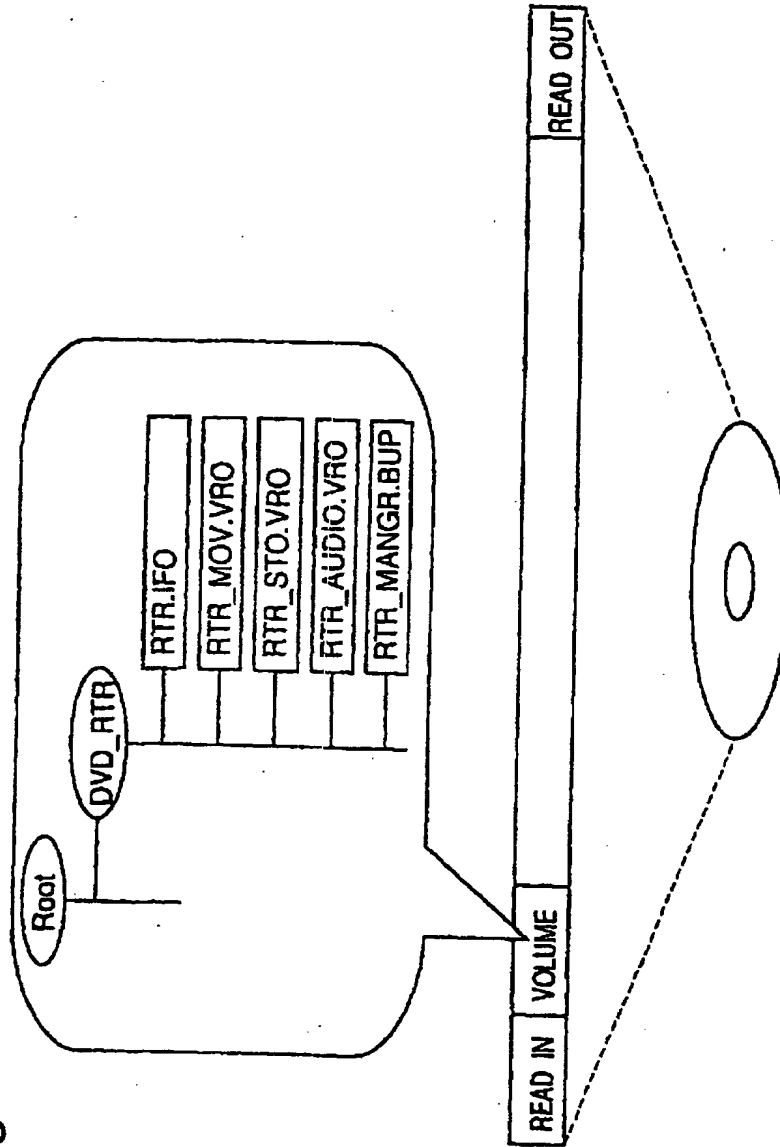
13. Enregistreur de disque optique selon la revendication 12, dans lequel les informations de point sont des informations temporelles (EP\_PTM) lorsque la suite des programmes est à contenu d'image animée. 5
14. Enregistreur de disque optique selon la revendication 12, dans lequel les informations de point sont des informations de numéro d'image fixe (S\_VOB\_ENTN) lorsque la suite des programmes est à contenu d'image fixe. 10
15. Enregistreur de disque optique selon la revendication 12, dans lequel les informations de point d'entrée comprennent, en outre, des informations de texte (PRM\_TXTI) et le moyen de mémorisation générale et mémorise lesdites informations de texte. 15
16. Procédé d'enregistrement de disque optique pour enregistrement sur le disque optique selon la revendication 2, comprenant les étapes consistant à : 20
- recevoir une entrée des informations de point d'entrée; 25
- générer des informations d'adresse au moment où les informations de point d'entrée sont reçues ;
- convertir les informations d'adresse en informations de point d'entrée dans la suite des programmes en conformité avec l'une quelconque des tables de conversion ; 30
- mémoriser temporairement les informations de points d'entrée ; et 35
- enregistrer les informations de points d'entrée mémorisées sur le disque optique. 40

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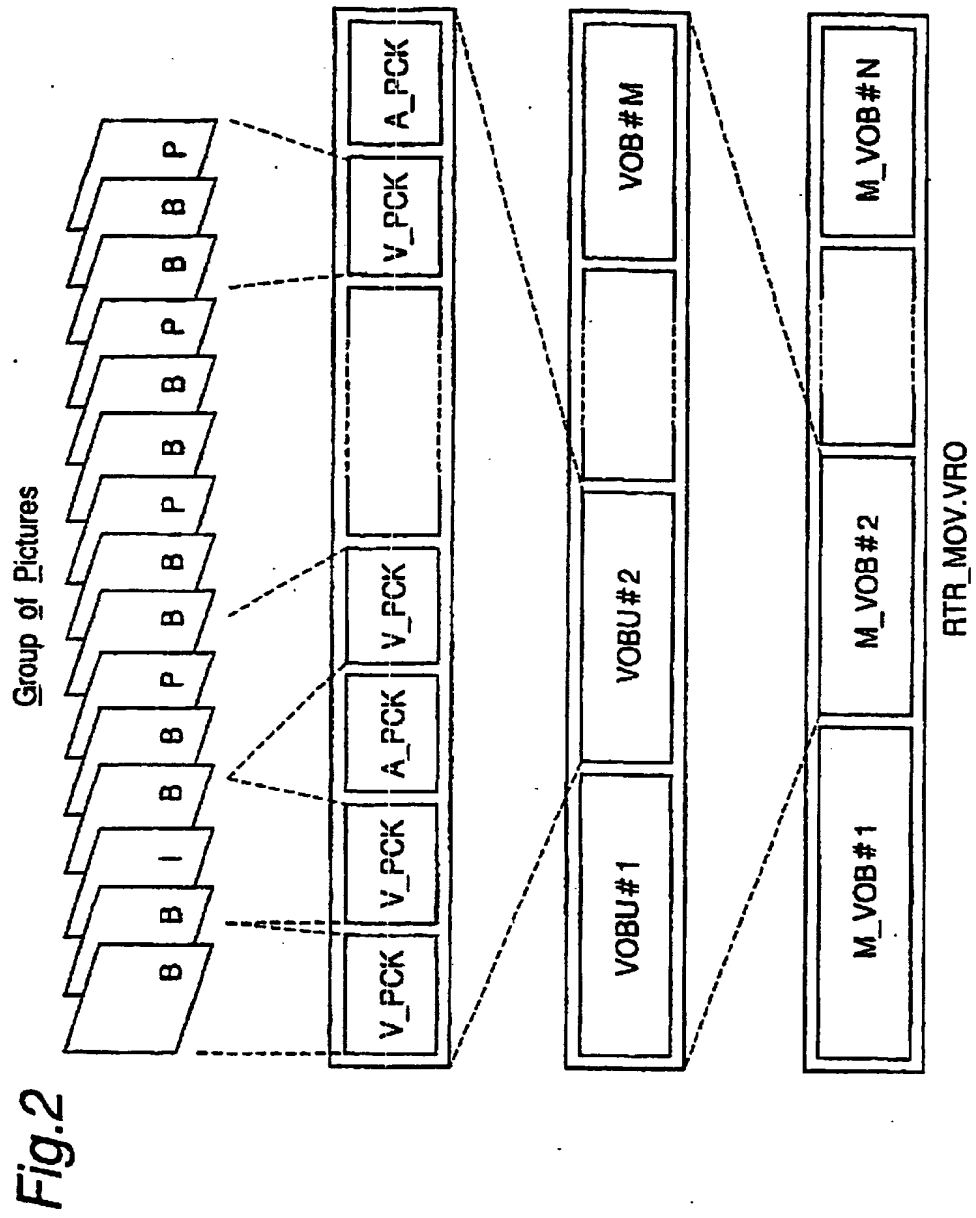
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Fig.1







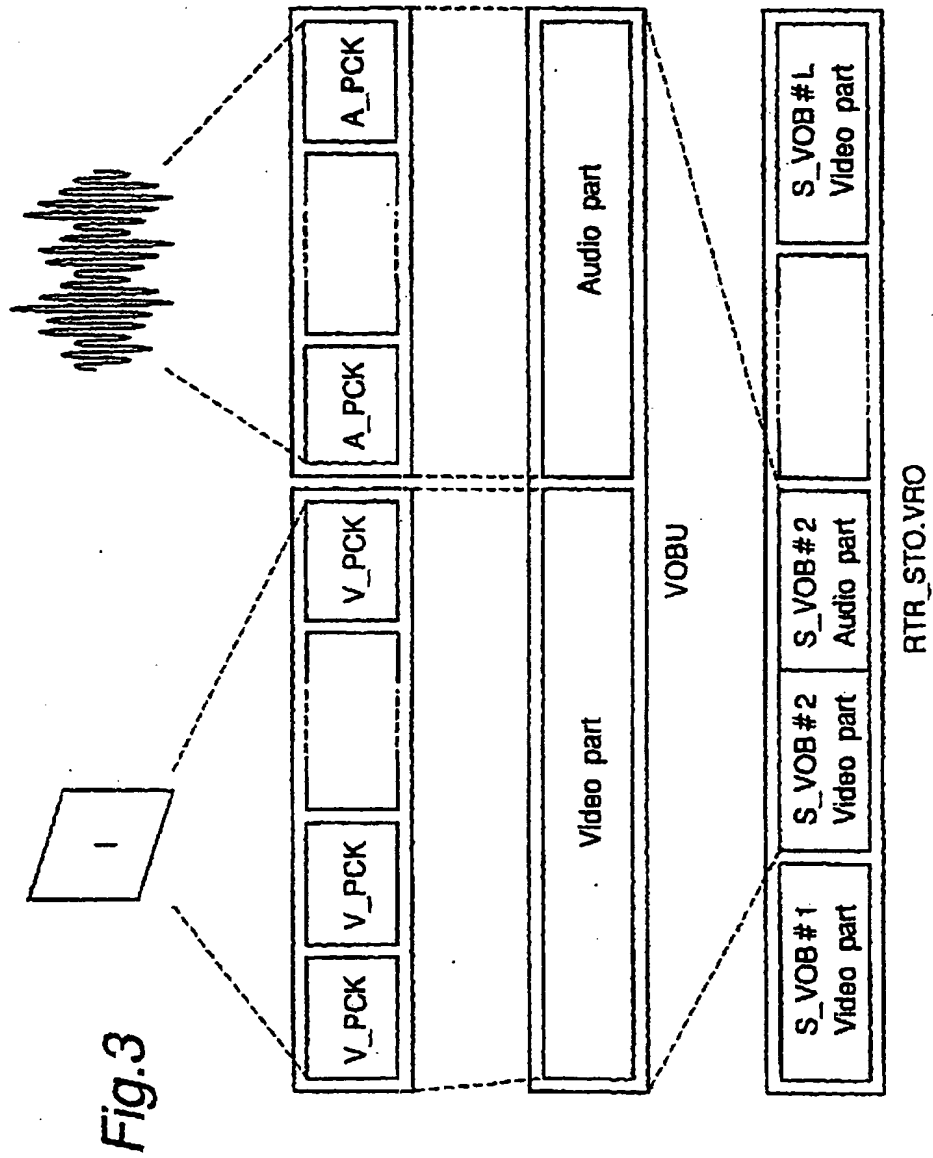
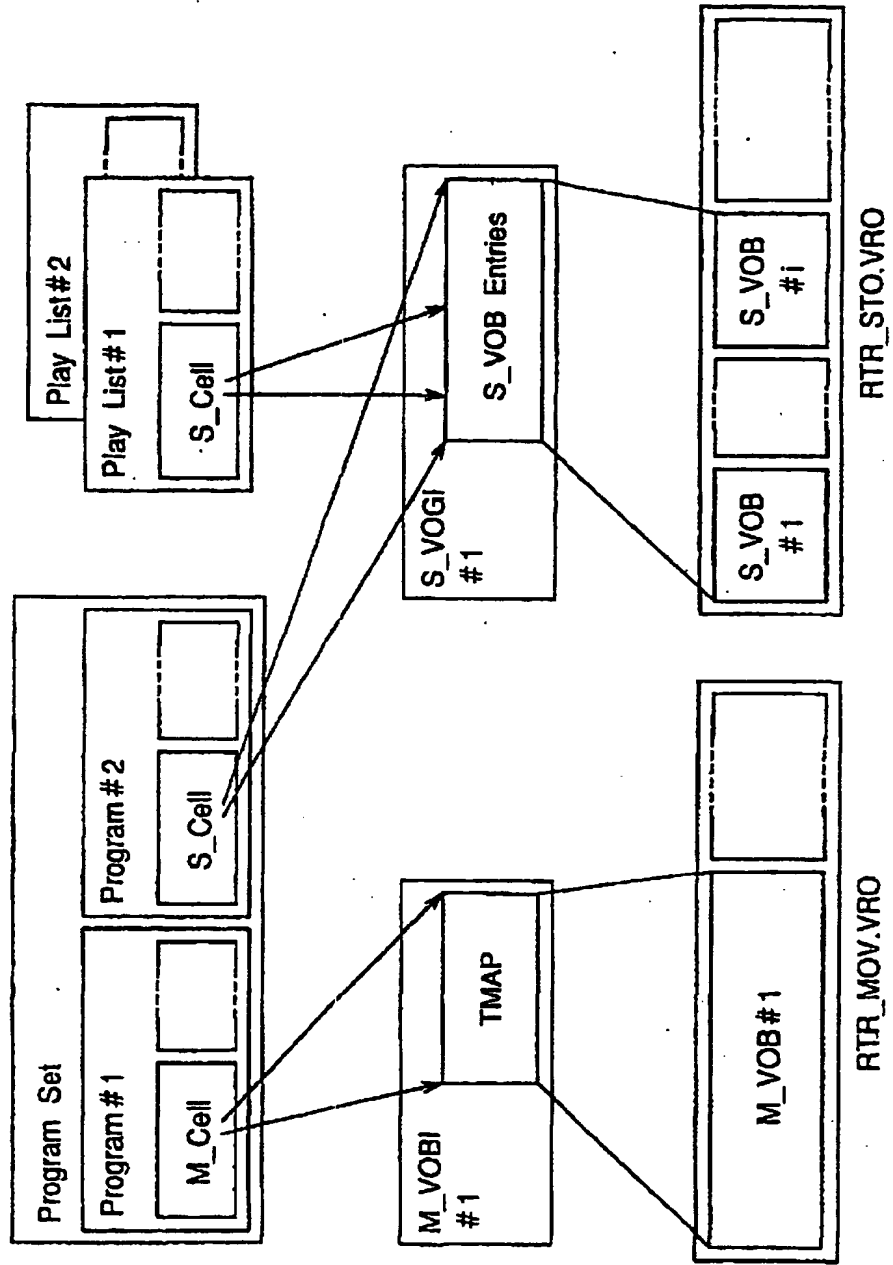


Fig.4



*Fig.5*

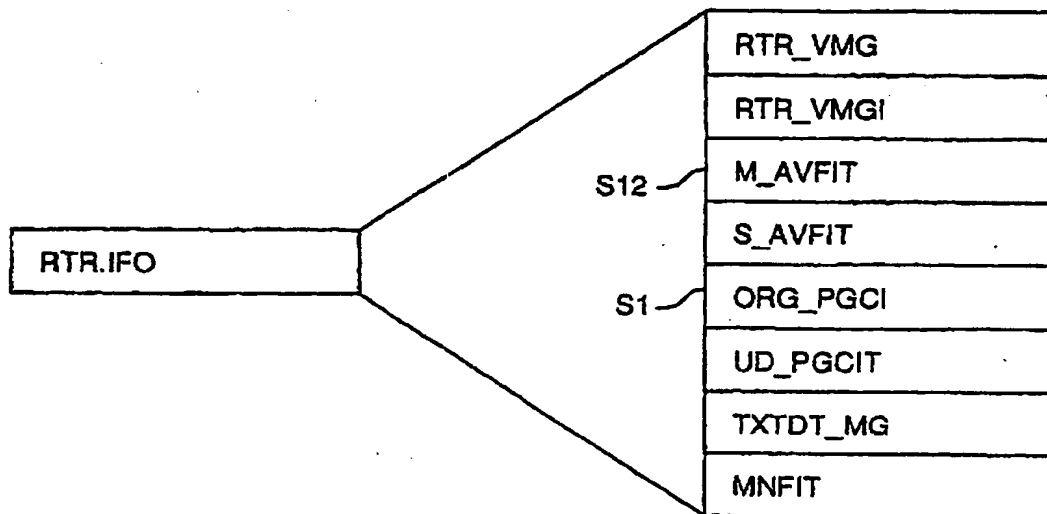


Fig.6

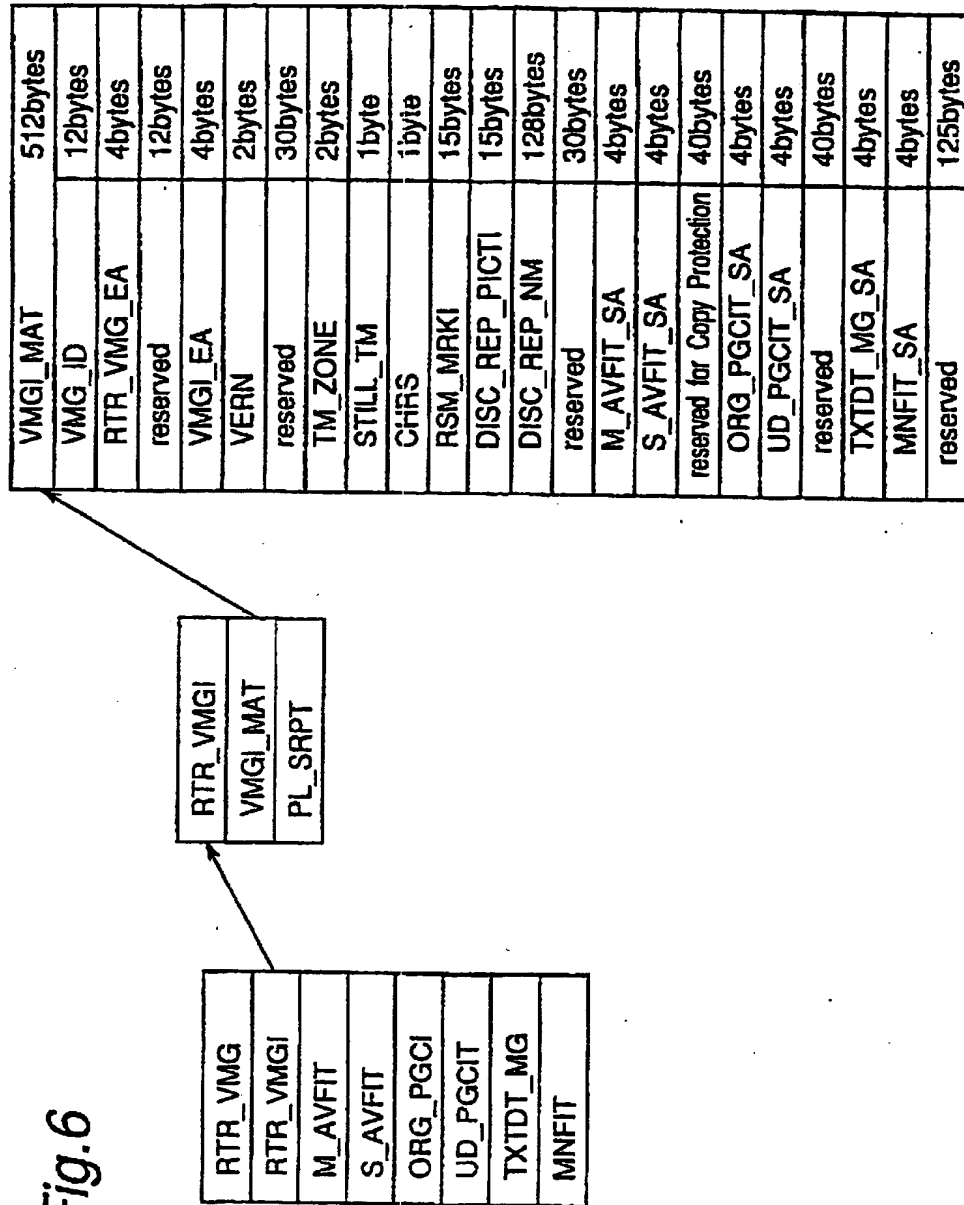
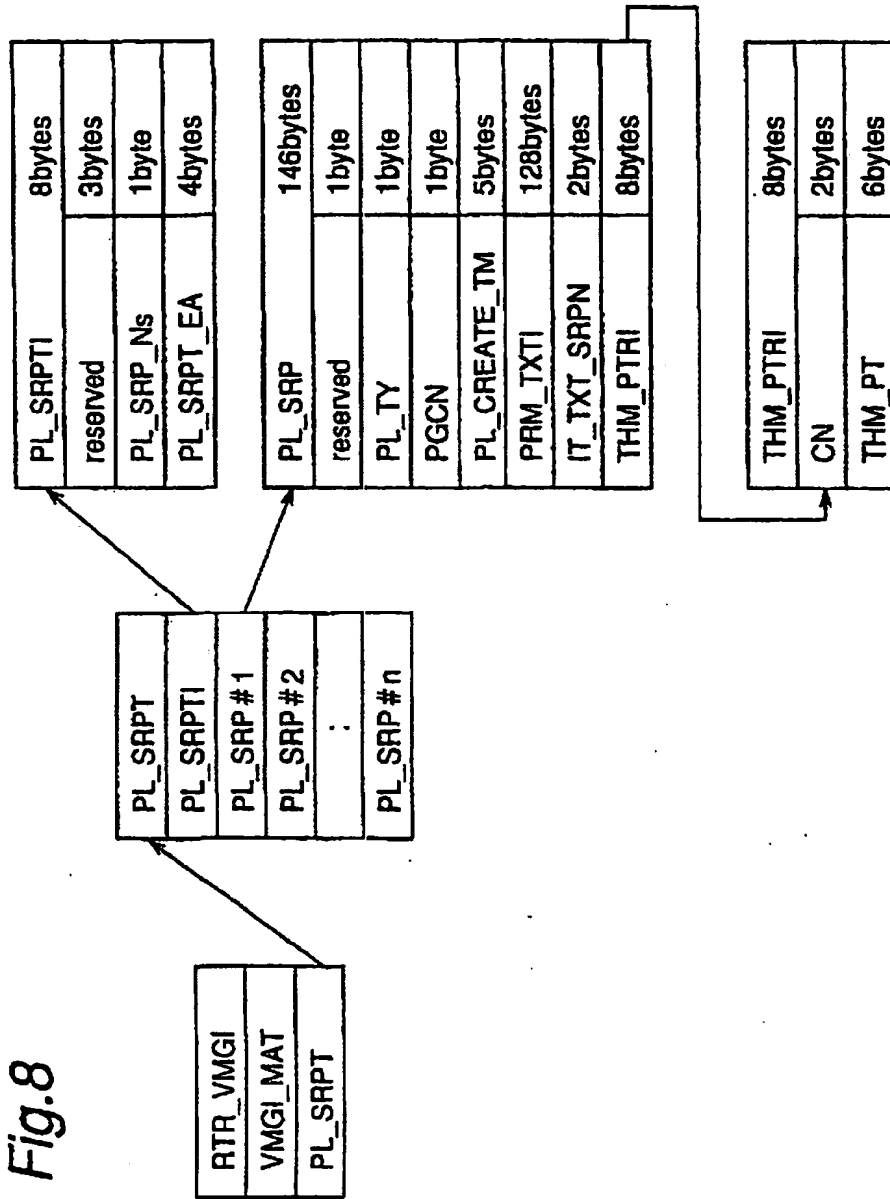


Fig. 7

|                     |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |           |  |           |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--|------------|--|------------|--|------------|--|------------|--|------------|--|-----------|--|-----------|--|--|--|--|
| <b>VERN</b>         |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |           |  |           |  |  |  |  |
|                     |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |           |  |           |  |  |  |  |
| <b>b15</b>          |  | <b>b14</b> |  | <b>b13</b> |  | <b>b12</b> |  | <b>b11</b> |  | <b>b10</b> |  | <b>b9</b> |  | <b>b8</b> |  |  |  |  |
| <b>reserved</b>     |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |           |  |           |  |  |  |  |
| <b>b7</b>           |  | <b>b6</b>  |  | <b>b5</b>  |  | <b>b4</b>  |  | <b>b3</b>  |  | <b>b2</b>  |  | <b>b1</b> |  | <b>b0</b> |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Book version</b> |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |            |  |           |  |           |  |  |  |  |

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Fig.8



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|              |     |              |     |              |     |         |  |     |  |
|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------|--|-----|--|
| PL_CREATE_TM |     |              |     |              |     |         |  |     |  |
|              |     |              |     |              |     |         |  |     |  |
| b39          | b38 | b37          | b36 | b35          | b34 | b33     |  | b32 |  |
| Year[13..6]  |     |              |     |              |     |         |  |     |  |
| b31          | b30 | b29          | b28 | b27          | b26 | b25     |  | b24 |  |
| Year[5..0]   |     |              |     |              |     |         |  |     |  |
| b23          | b22 | b21          | b20 | b19          | b18 | b17     |  | b16 |  |
| Month[1..0]  |     | Day[4..0]    |     |              |     | Hour[4] |  |     |  |
| b15          | b14 | b13          | b12 | b11          | b10 | b9      |  | b8  |  |
| Hour[3..0]   |     |              |     | Minute[5..2] |     |         |  |     |  |
| b7           | b6  | b5           | b4  | b3           | b2  | b1      |  | b0  |  |
| Minute[1..0] |     | Second[5..0] |     |              |     |         |  |     |  |



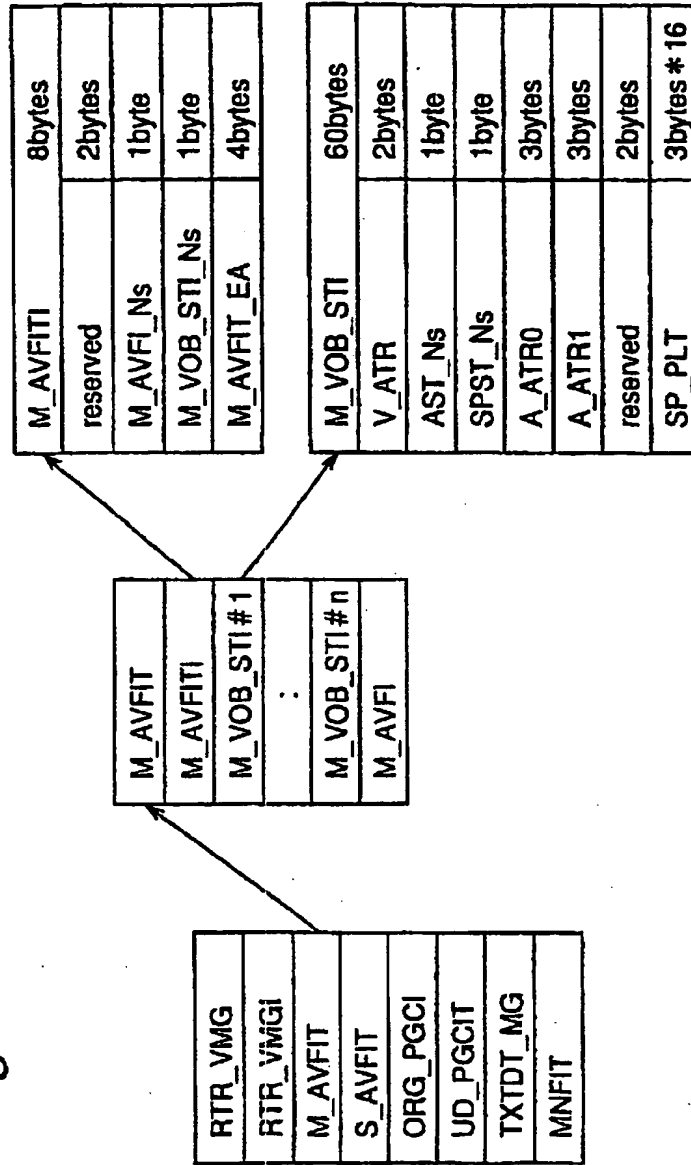
Fig. 10

| PTM describing format |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
|                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b47                   | b46 | b45 | b44 | b43 | b42 | b41 | b40 |  |  |
| PTM_base[31..24]      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b39                   | b38 | b37 | b36 | b35 | b34 | b33 | b32 |  |  |
| PTM_base[23..16]      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b31                   | b30 | b29 | b28 | b27 | b26 | b25 | b24 |  |  |
| PTM_base[15..8]       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b23                   | b22 | b21 | b20 | b19 | b18 | b17 | b16 |  |  |
| PTM_base[7..0]        |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b15                   | b14 | b13 | b12 | b11 | b10 | b9  | b8  |  |  |
| PTM_extension[15..8]  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b7                    | b6  | b5  | b4  | b3  | b2  | b1  | b0  |  |  |
| PTM_extension[7..0]   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |

Fig. 11

| S_VOB_ENTN describing format |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
|                              |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b47                          | b46 | b45 | b44 | b43 | b42 | b41 | b40 |  |  |
| S_VOB_ENTN                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b39                          | b38 | b37 | b36 | b35 | b34 | b33 | b32 |  |  |
| reserved                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b31                          | b30 | b29 | b28 | b27 | b26 | b25 | b24 |  |  |
| reserved                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b23                          | b22 | b21 | b20 | b19 | b18 | b17 | b16 |  |  |
| reserved                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b15                          | b14 | b13 | b12 | b11 | b10 | b9  | b8  |  |  |
| reserved                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b7                           | b6  | b5  | b4  | b3  | b2  | b1  | b0  |  |  |
| reserved                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |

Fig.12



**Fig. 13**

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**Fig. 14**

|                                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| SP_PLT                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
|                                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b23                             | b22 | b21 | b20 | b19 | b18 | b17 | b16 |  |  |
| Luminance signal(Y)             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b15                             | b14 | b13 | b12 | b11 | b10 | b9  | b8  |  |  |
| Color difference signal(Cr=R-Y) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b7                              | b6  | b5  | b4  | b3  | b2  | b1  | b0  |  |  |
| Color difference signal(Cb=B-Y) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |

Fig.15

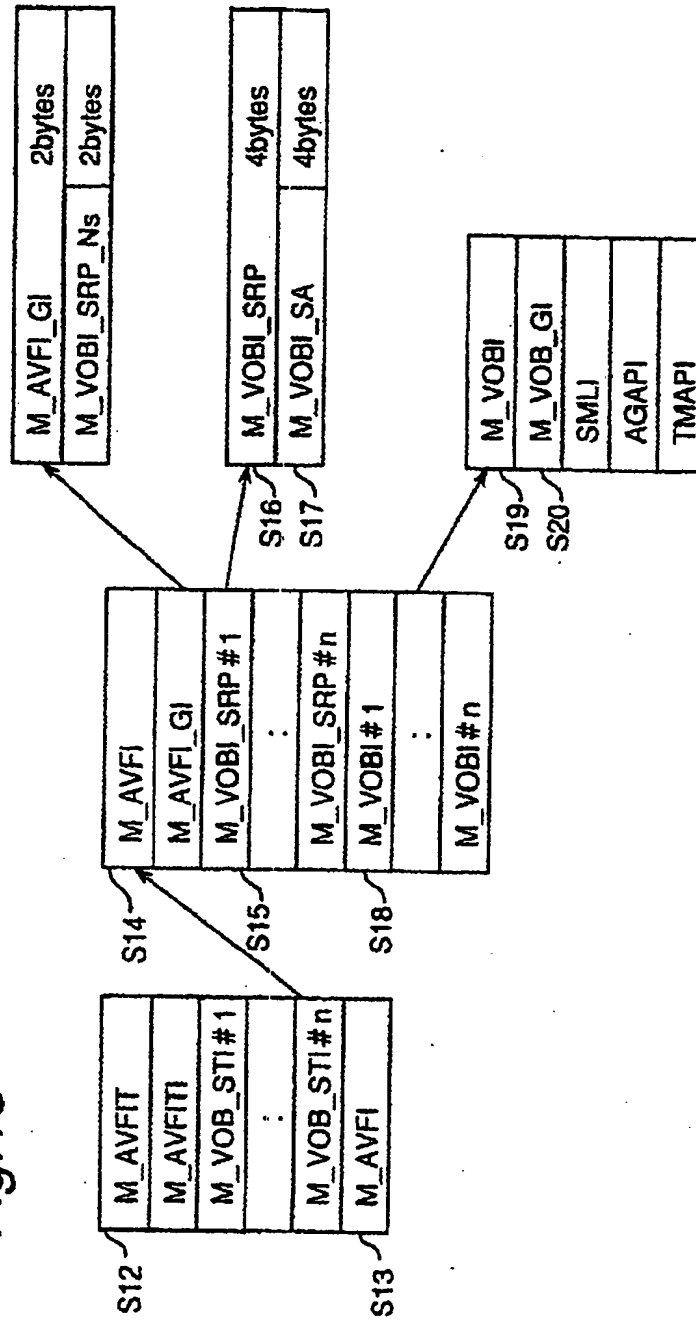
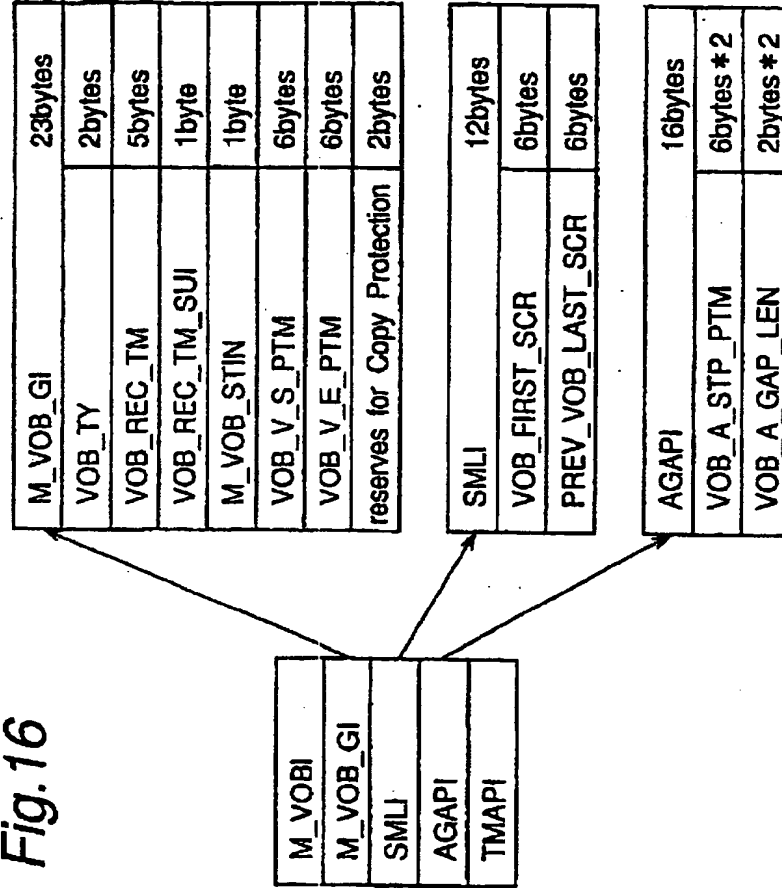


Fig.16

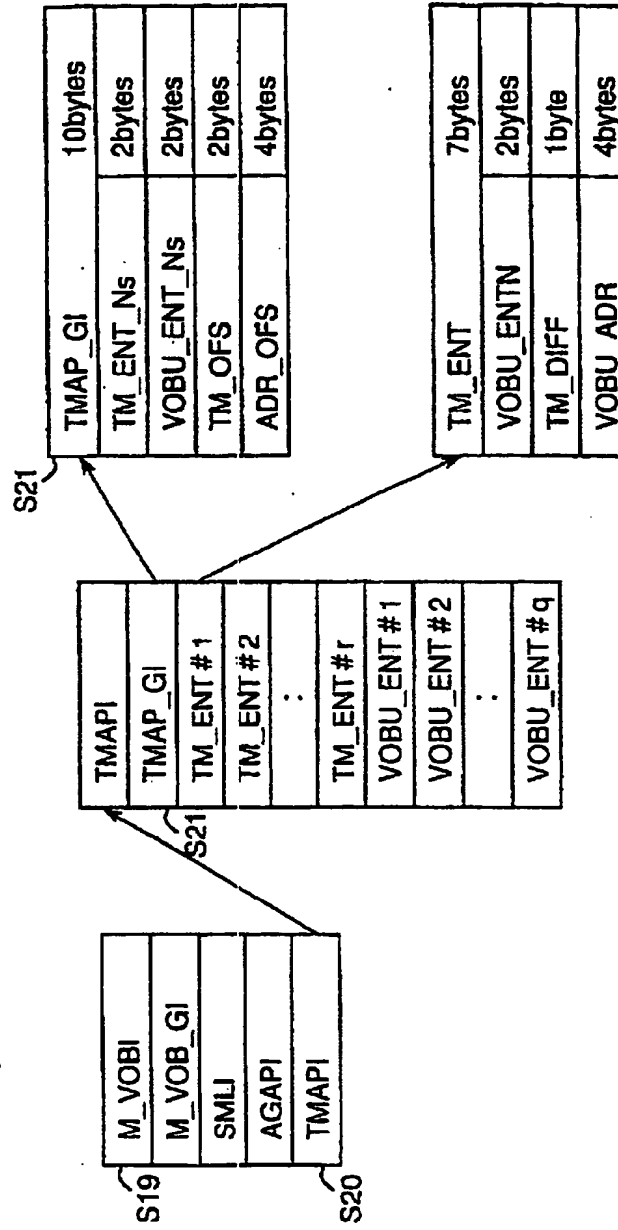


**Fig. 17**

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Fig.18



|                |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |                |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| VOBU_ENT       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |                |  |  |  |  |  |
|                |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |                |  |  |  |  |  |
| b23            | b22 | b21 | b20 | b19 | b18 | b17 | b16 |  |  |                |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1STREF_SZ      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |                |  |  |  |  |  |
| b15            | b14 | b13 | b12 | b11 | b10 | b9  | b8  |  |  |                |  |  |  |  |  |
| VOBU_PB_TM     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  | VOBU_SZ(upper) |  |  |  |  |  |
| b7             | b6  | b5  | b4  | b3  | b2  | b1  | b0  |  |  |                |  |  |  |  |  |
| VOBU_SZ(lower) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |                |  |  |  |  |  |

Fig.20

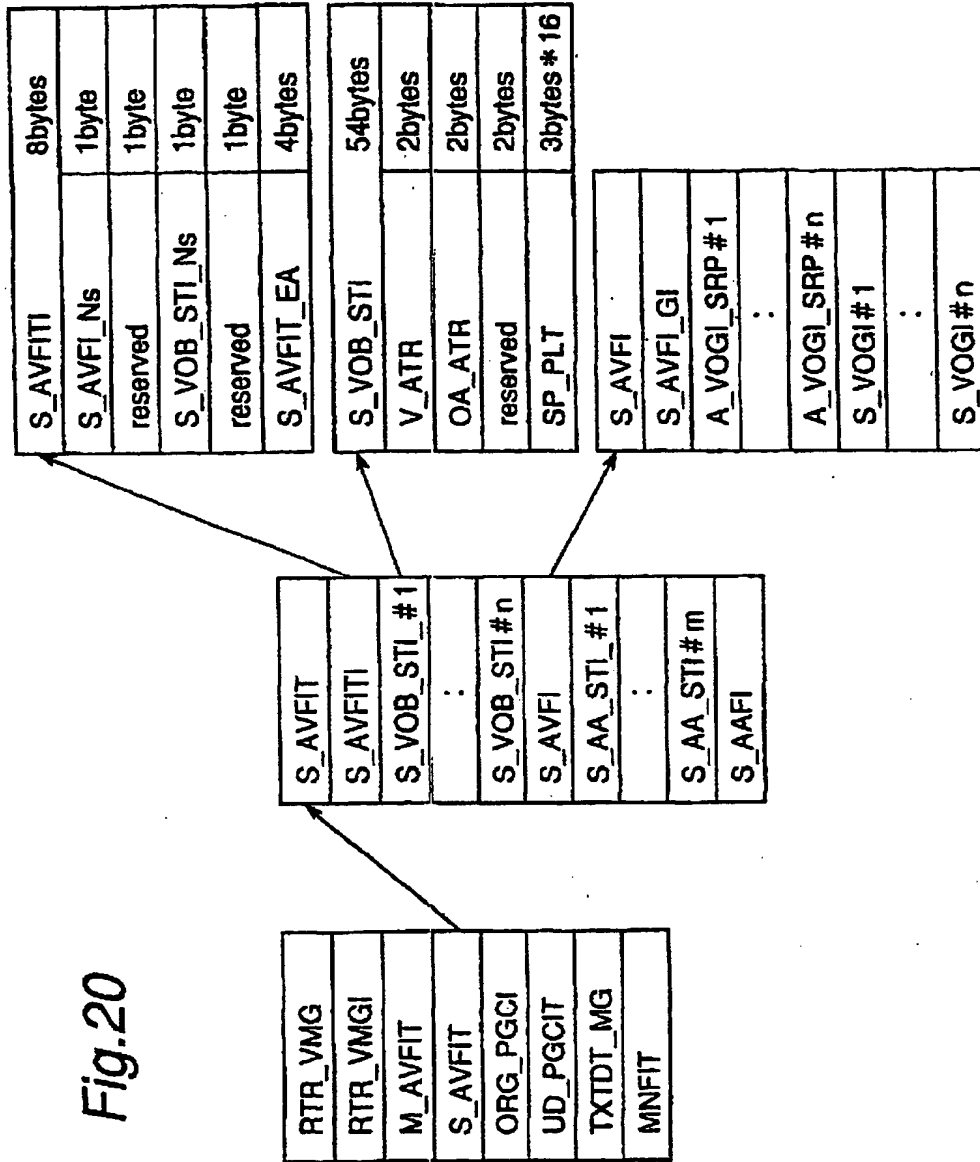
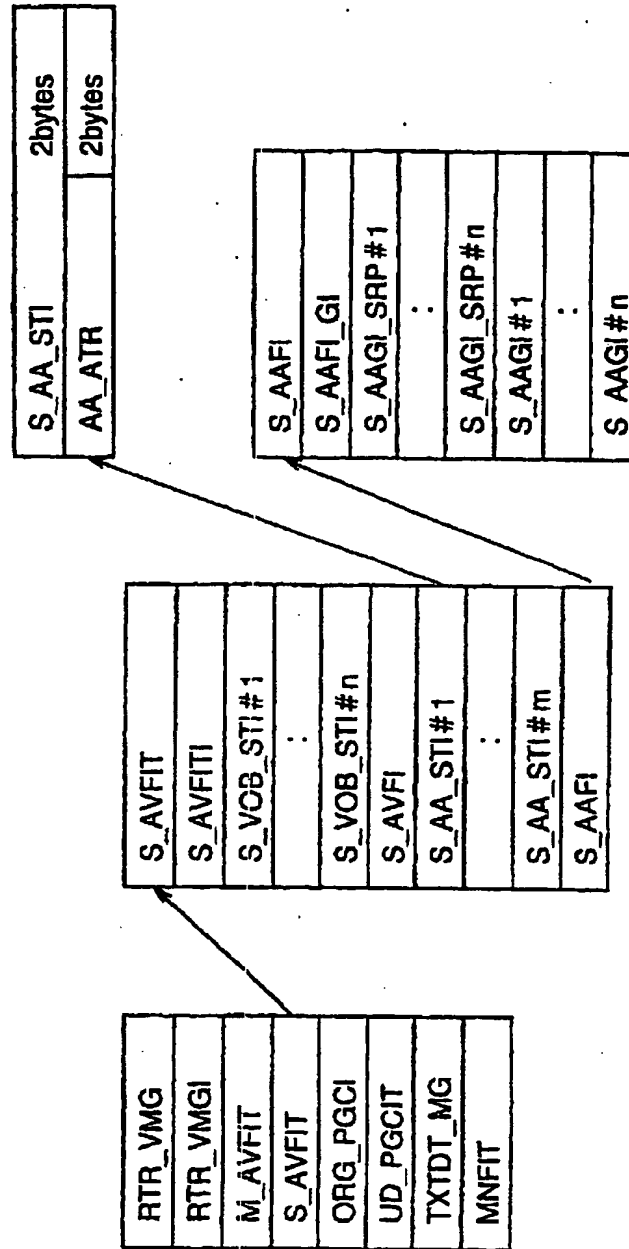


Fig.21



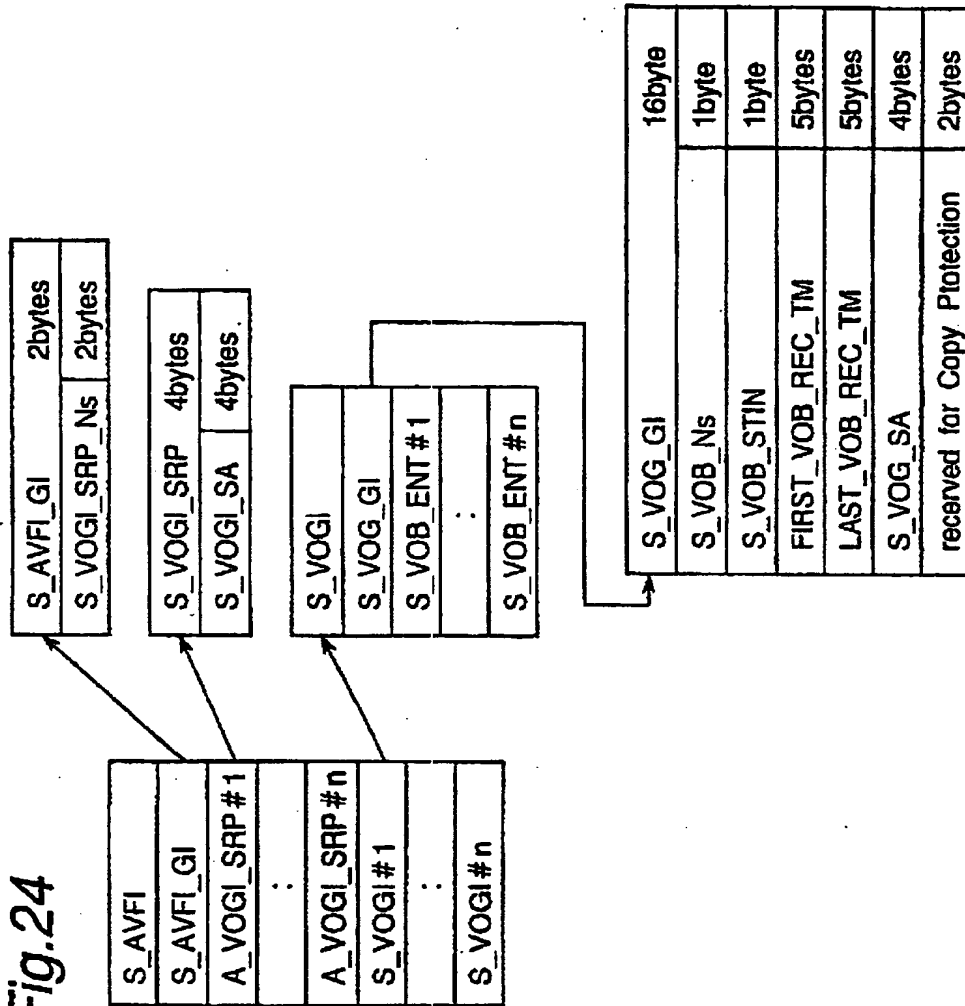
|                        |     |                  |     |     |     |              |    |          |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|-----|------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------|----|----------|--|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| V_ATR                  |     |                  |     |     |     |              |    |          |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b15                    | b14 | b13              | b12 | b11 | b10 | b9           | b8 |          |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Video compression mode |     | TV system        |     |     |     | Aspect ratio |    |          |  | reserved |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b7                     | b6  | b5               | b4  | b3  | b2  | b1           | b0 |          |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| reserved               |     | Video resolution |     |     |     |              |    | reserved |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|                   |     |          |     |                          |     |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------|-----|----------|-----|--------------------------|-----|----|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| OA_ATR            |     |          |     |                          |     |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b15               | b14 | b13      | b12 | b11                      | b10 | b9 | b8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Audio coding mode |     | reserved |     |                          |     |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b7                | b6  | b5       | b4  | b3                       | b2  | b1 | b0 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quan./DRC         |     | fs       |     | Number of Audio channels |     |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

|                                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|--|
| SP_PLT                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
|                                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b23                             | b22 | b21 | b20 | b19 | b18 | b17 | b16 |  |  |
| Luminance signal(Y)             |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b15                             | b14 | b13 | b12 | b11 | b10 | b9  | b8  |  |  |
| Color difference signal(Cr=R-Y) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |
| b7                              | b6  | b5  | b4  | b3  | b2  | b1  | b0  |  |  |
| Color difference signal(Cb=B-Y) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |  |

Fig.24



*Fig.25*

| S_VOB ENT (TYPE A) |  | 2bytes |
|--------------------|--|--------|
| S_VOB ENT_TY       |  | 1byte  |
| V_PART_SZ          |  | 1byte  |

| S_VOB ENT (TYPE B) |  | 6bytes |
|--------------------|--|--------|
| S_VOB ENT_TY       |  | 1byte  |
| V_PART_SZ          |  | 1byte  |
| A_PART_SZ          |  | 2bytes |
| A_PB_TM            |  | 2bytes |



Fig.26

|              |    |    |          |    |    |    |         |  |  |
|--------------|----|----|----------|----|----|----|---------|--|--|
| S_VOB_ENT_TY |    |    |          |    |    |    |         |  |  |
|              |    |    |          |    |    |    |         |  |  |
| b7           | b6 | b5 | b4       | b3 | b2 | b1 | b0      |  |  |
| MAP_TY       |    | TE | reserved |    |    |    | SPST_Ns |  |  |

Fig.27

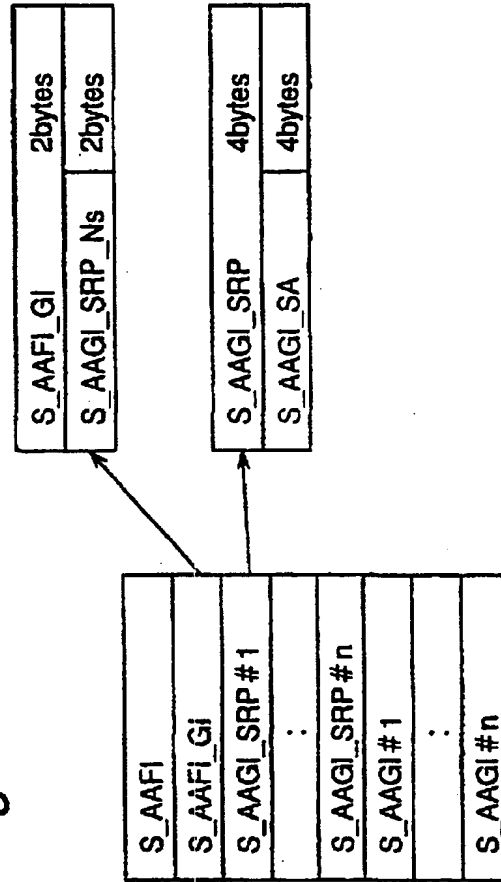
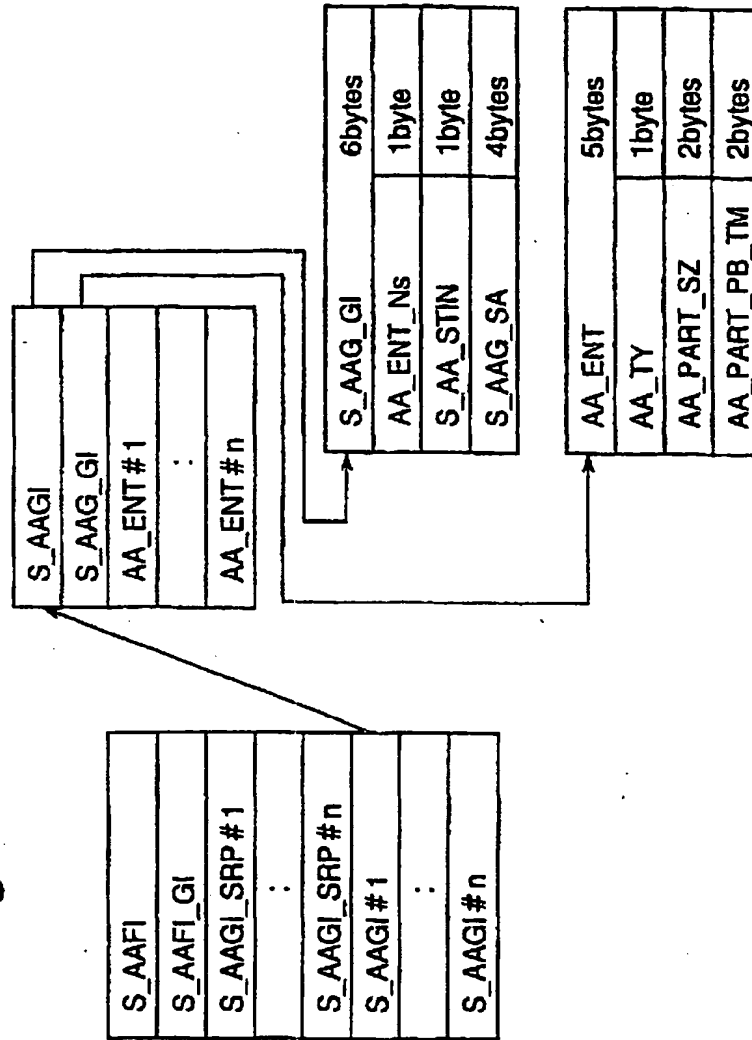


Fig.28



|          |    |    |          |    |    |    |    |  |  |
|----------|----|----|----------|----|----|----|----|--|--|
| AA_TY    |    |    |          |    |    |    |    |  |  |
|          |    |    |          |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| b7       | b6 | b5 | b4       | b3 | b2 | b1 | b0 |  |  |
| reserved |    | TE | reserved |    |    |    |    |  |  |

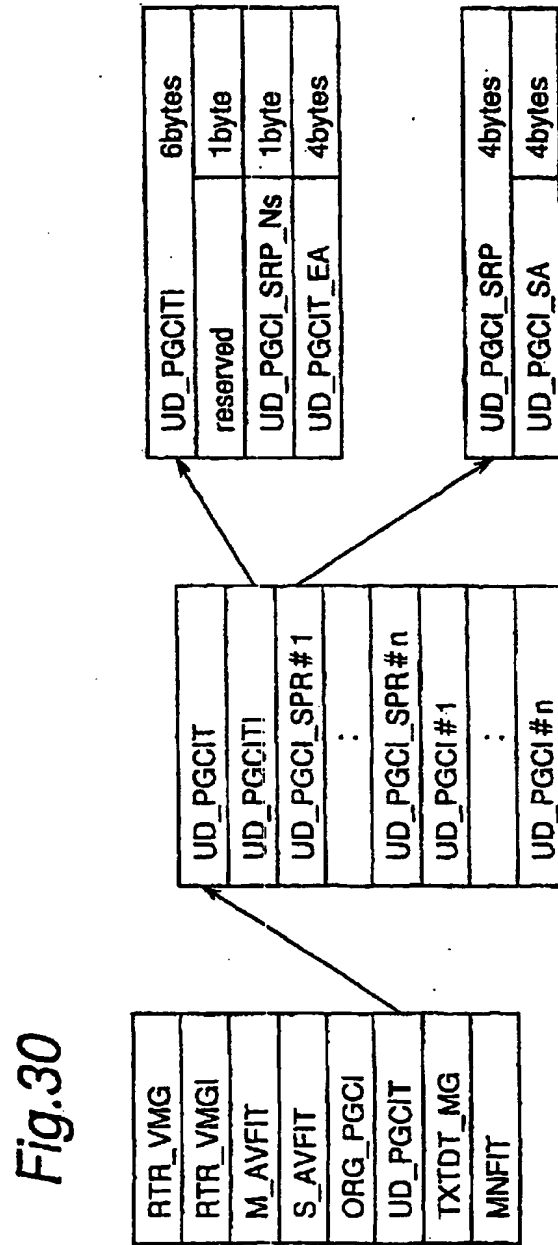


Fig.31

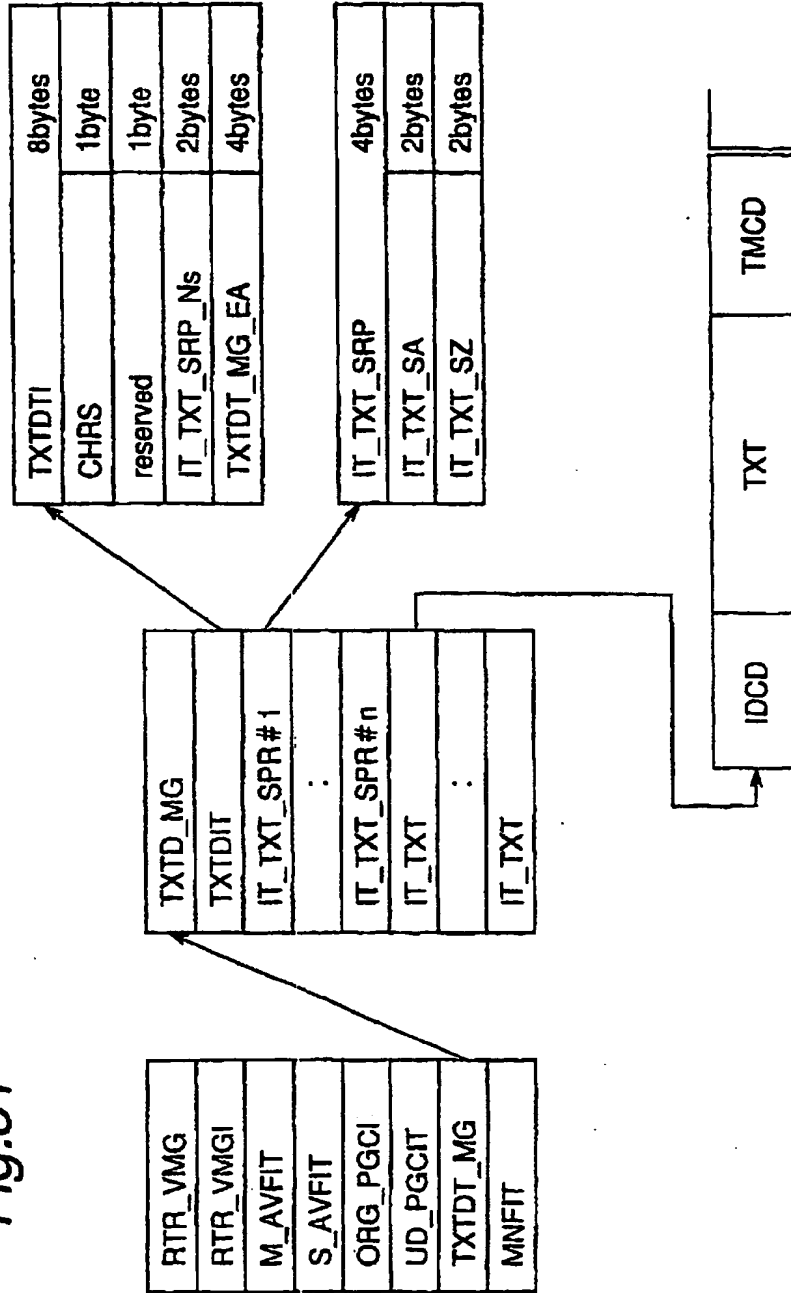
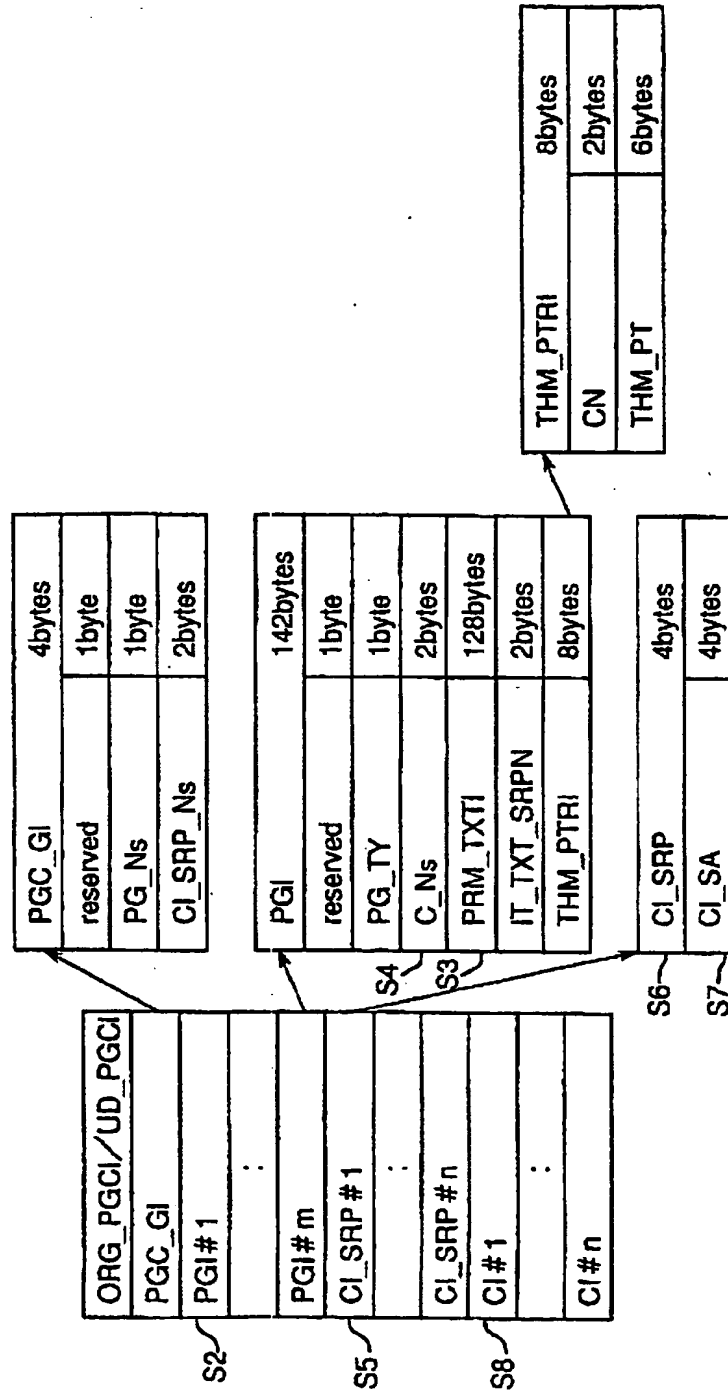


Fig.32



**Fig. 33**

|         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
|---------|----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|--|
| PG_TY   |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
|         |          |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |
| b7      | b6       | b5 | b4 | b3 | b2 | b1 | b0 |  |  |
| Protect | reserved |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |



Fig.34

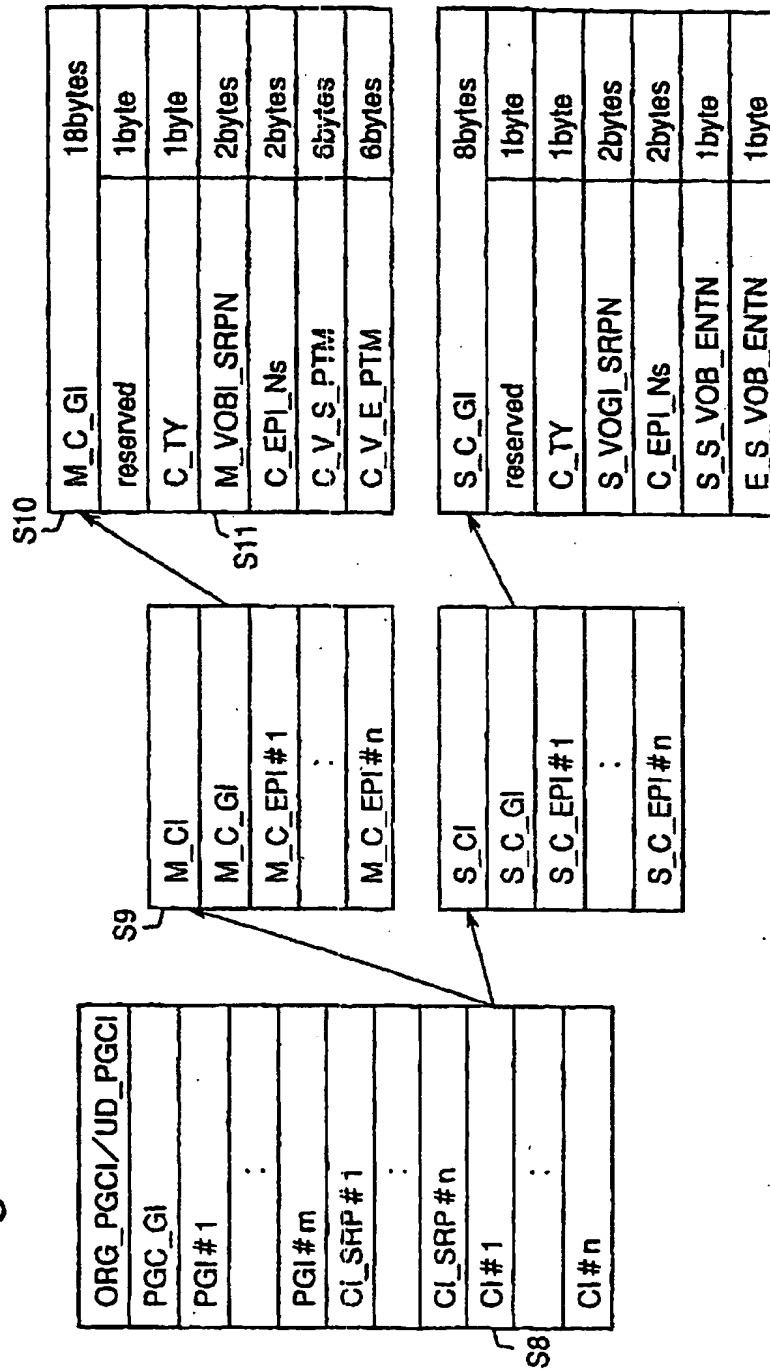


Fig.35

|       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| C_TY  |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| b7    | b6 | b5 | b4 | b3 | b2 | b1 | b0 |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C_TY1 |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | reserved |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Fig.36

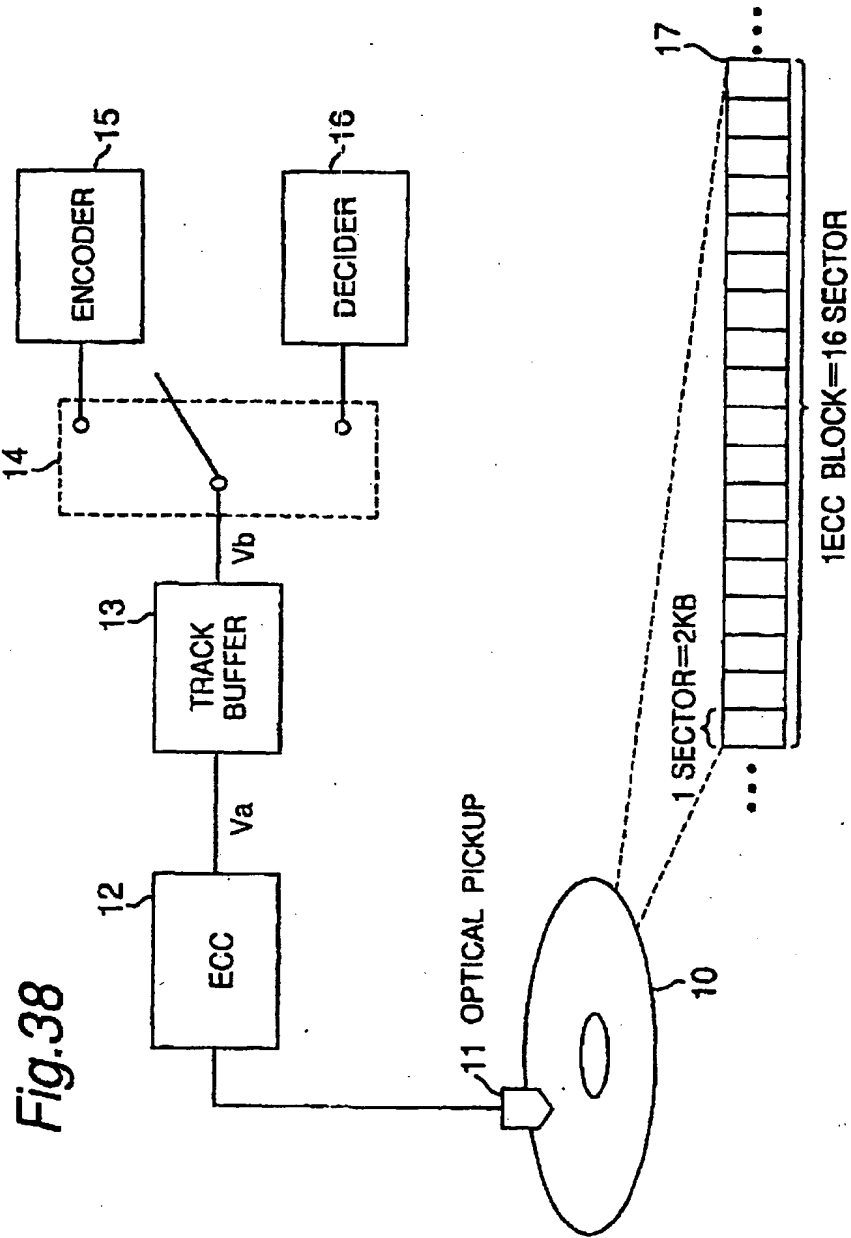
| M_C_EPI (Type A) |  | 7bytes | S_C_EPI (Type A) |  | 2bytes |
|------------------|--|--------|------------------|--|--------|
| EP_TY            |  | 1byte  | EP_TY            |  | 1byte  |
| EP_PTM           |  | 6bytes | S_VOB_ENTN       |  | 1byte  |

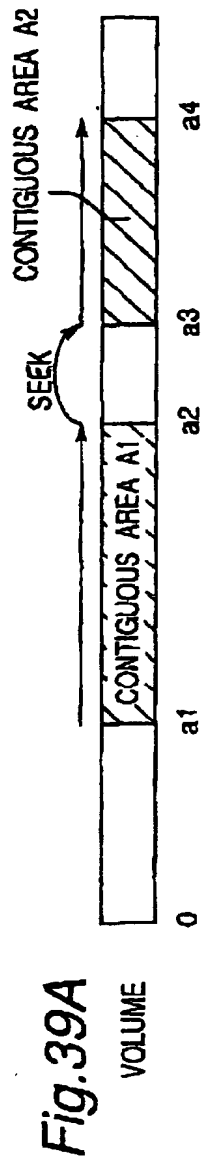
  

| M_C_EPI (Type B) |  | 135bytes | S_C_EPI (Type B) |  | 130bytes |
|------------------|--|----------|------------------|--|----------|
| EP_TY            |  | 1byte    | EP_TY            |  | 1byte    |
| EP_PTM           |  | 6bytes   | S_VOB_ENTN       |  | 1byte    |
| PRM_TXTI         |  | 128bytes | PRM_TXTI         |  | 128bytes |

**Fig. 37**

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**Fig. 39B** DATA VOLUME ACCUMULATED TO THE TRACK BUFFER

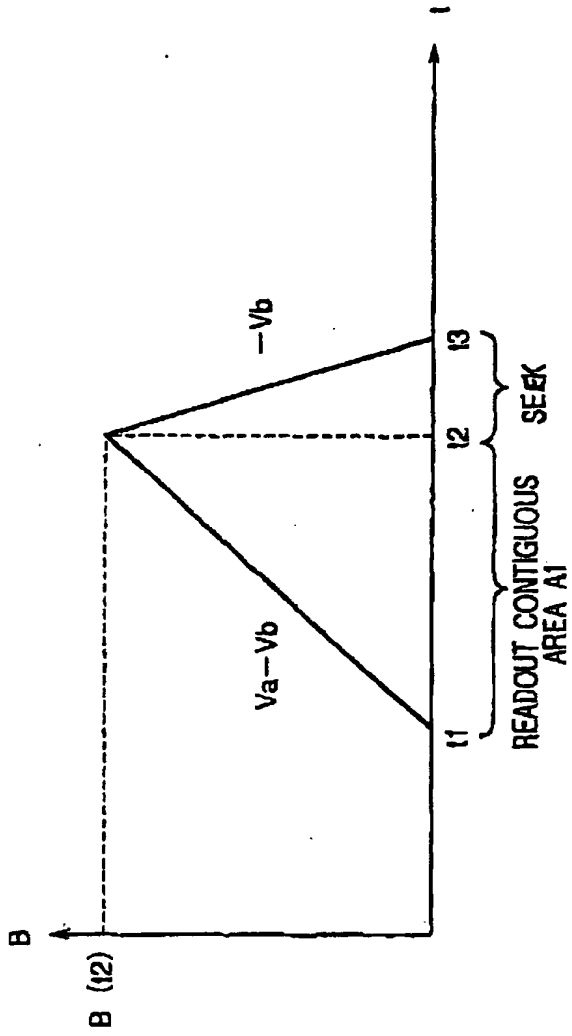
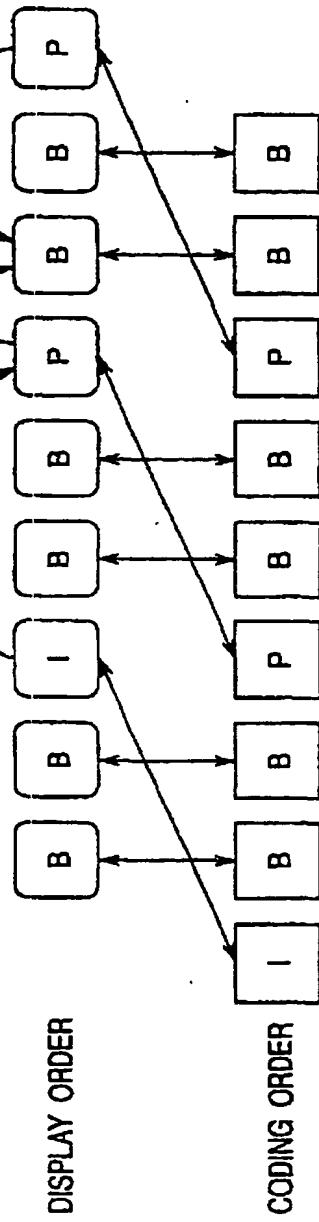


Fig.40



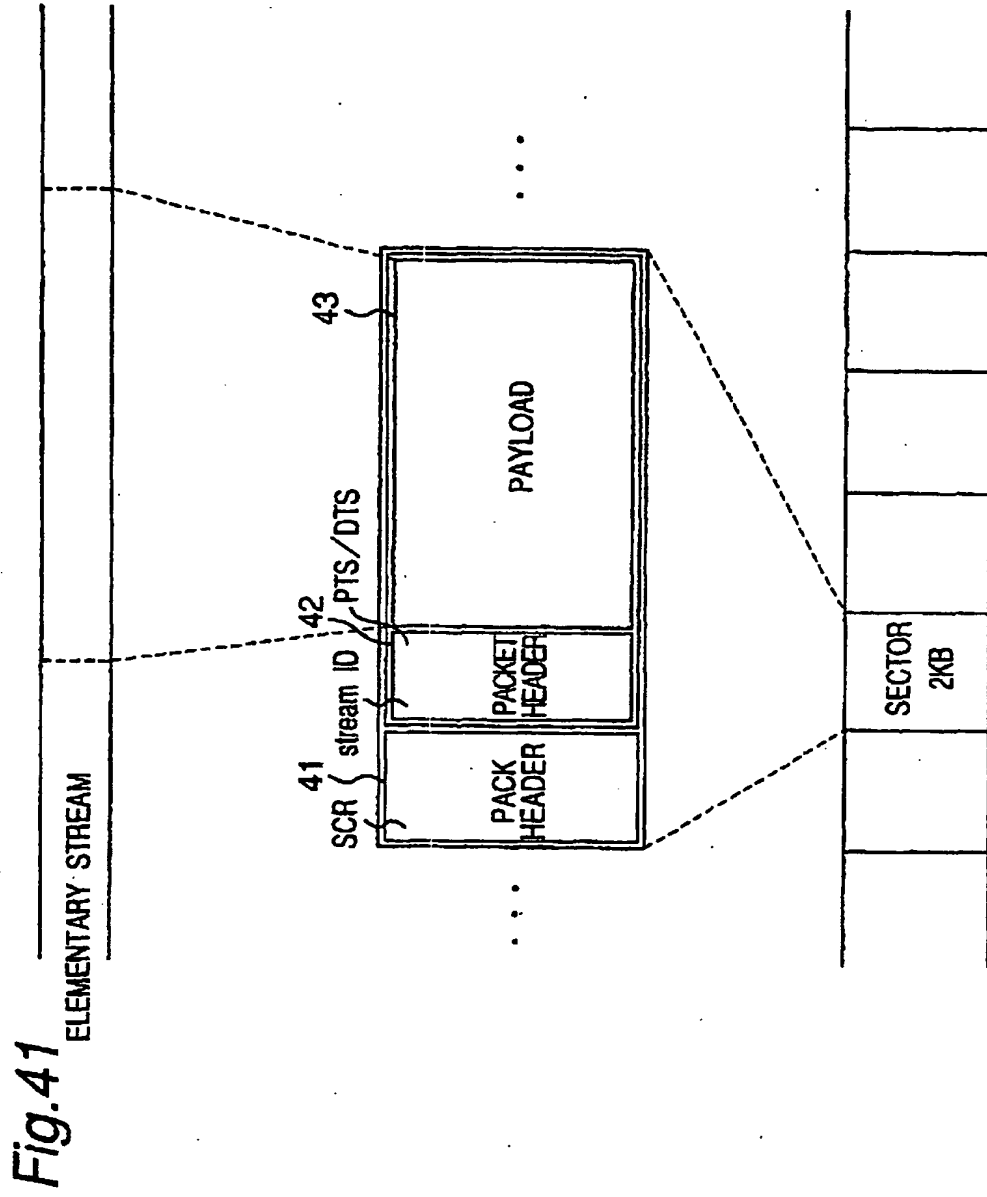




Fig.42

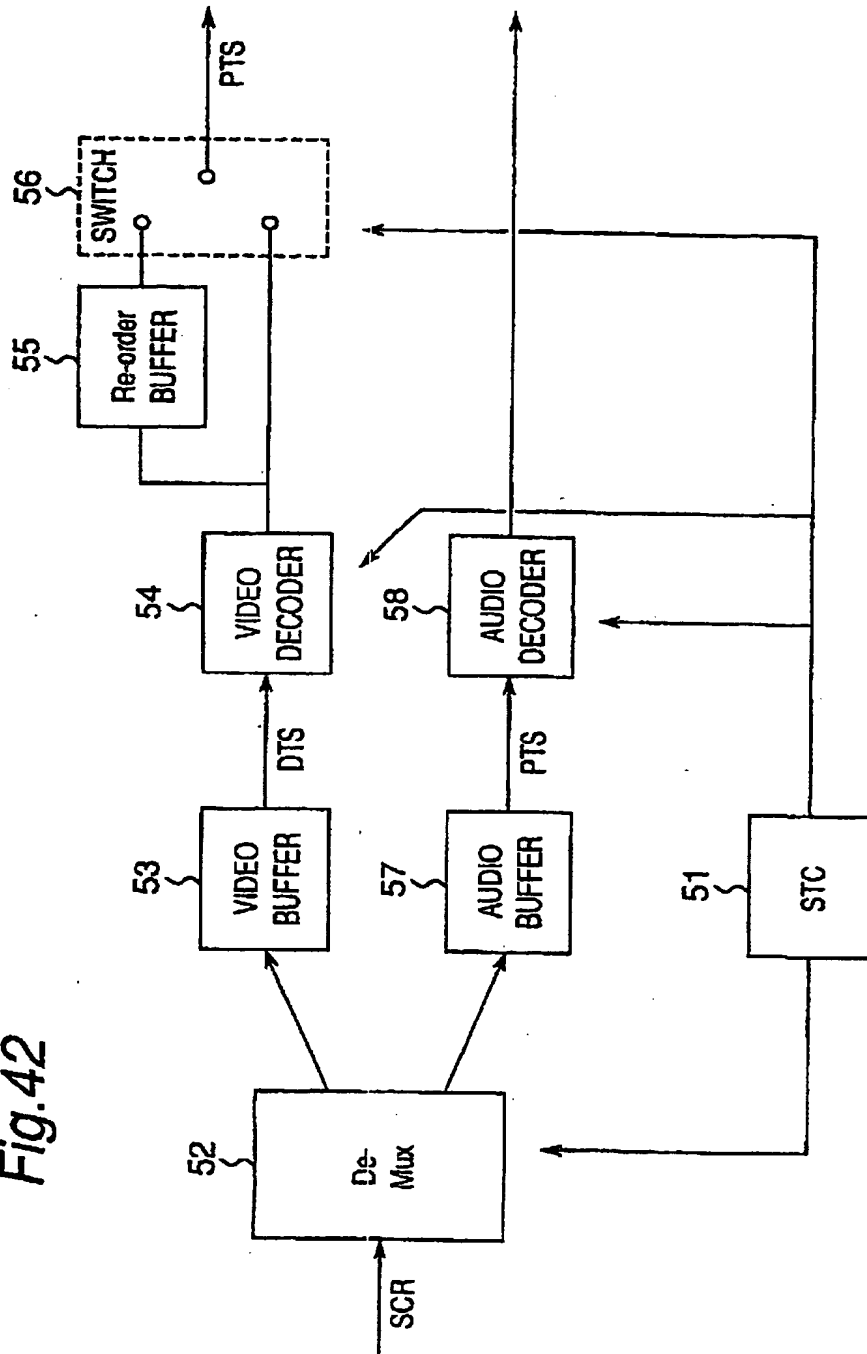


Fig.43A VIDEO



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Fig.43B VIDEO BUFFER

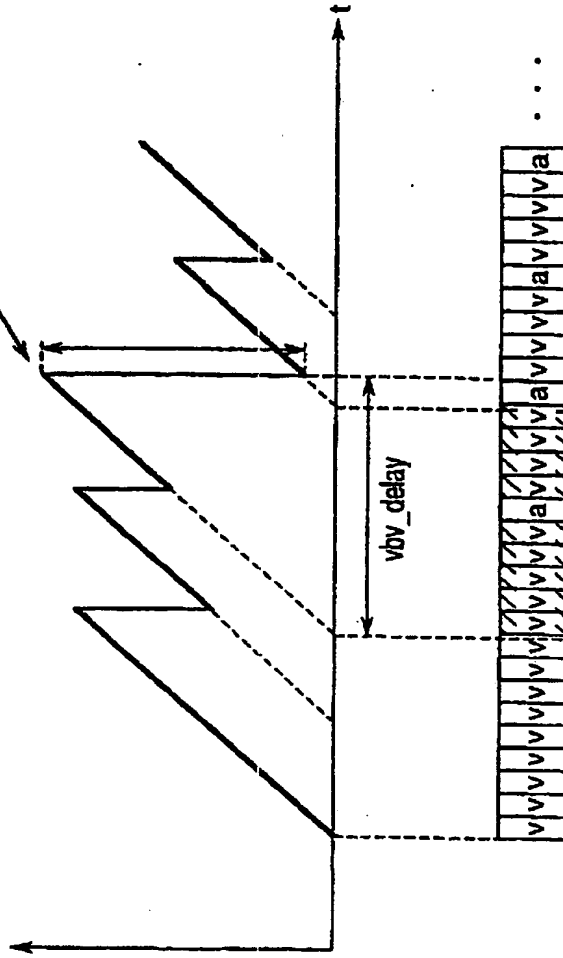


Fig.43C MPEG STREAM

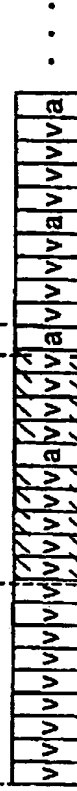


Fig.43D AUDIO



Fig.44

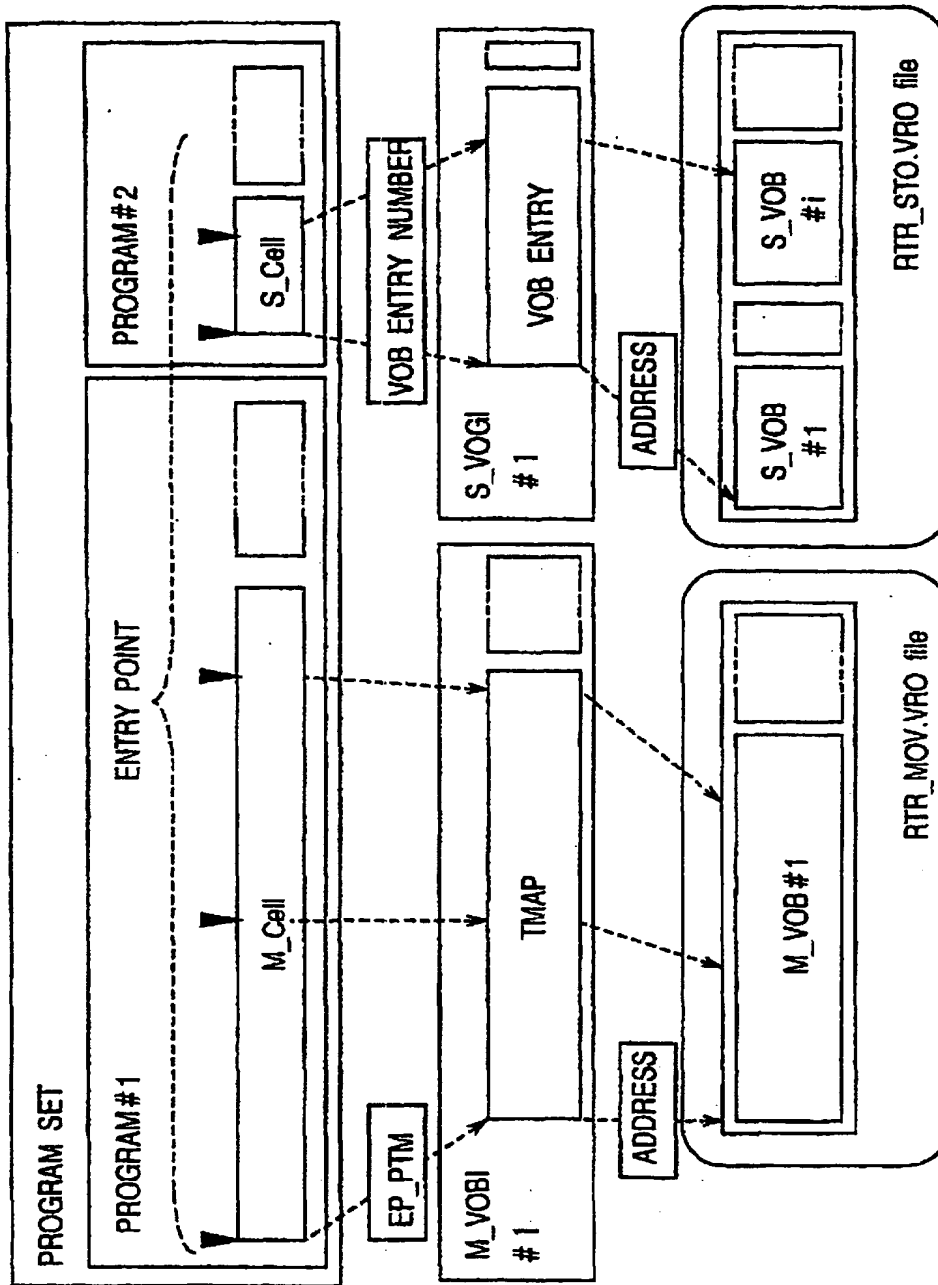


Fig.45

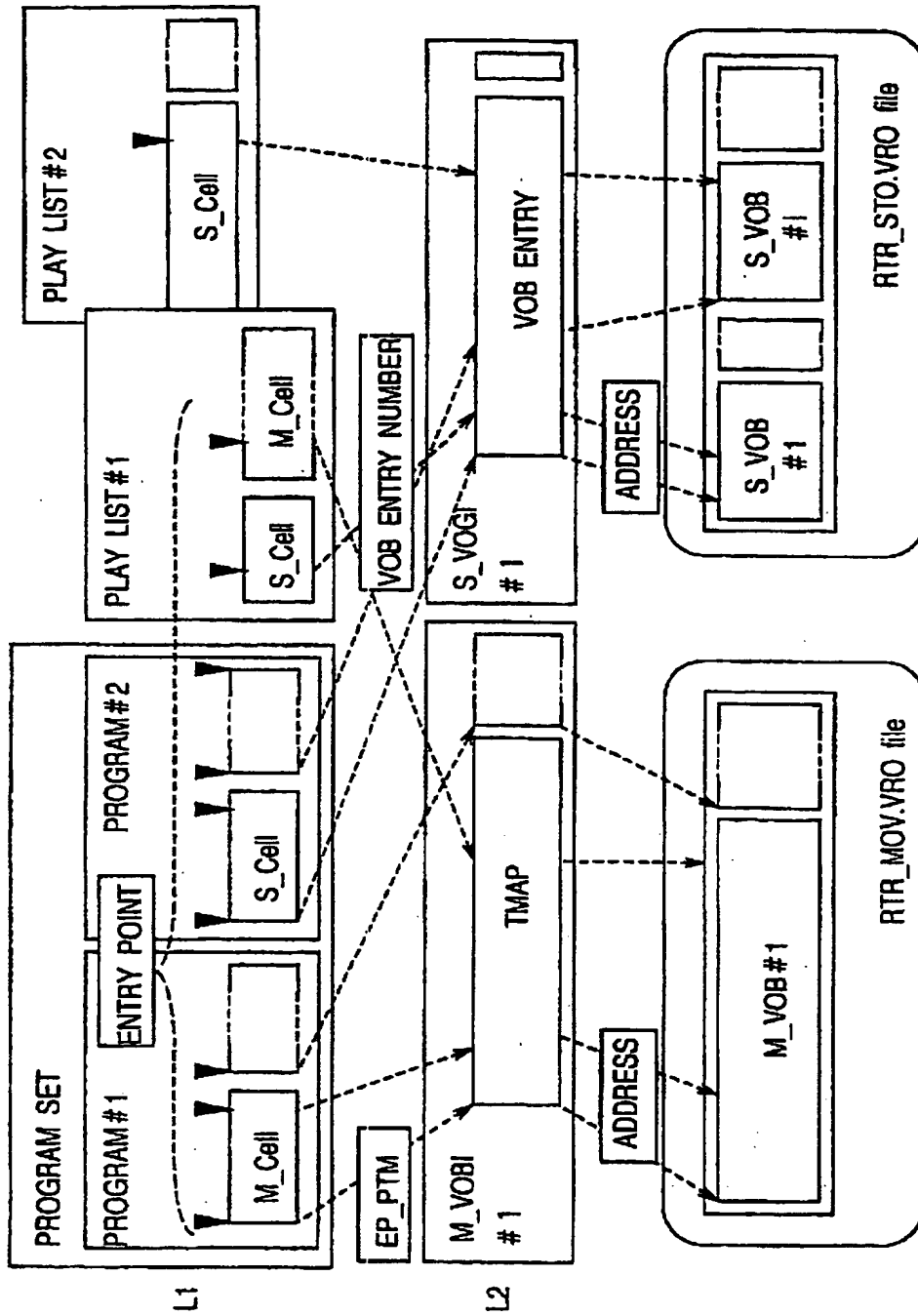


Fig.46

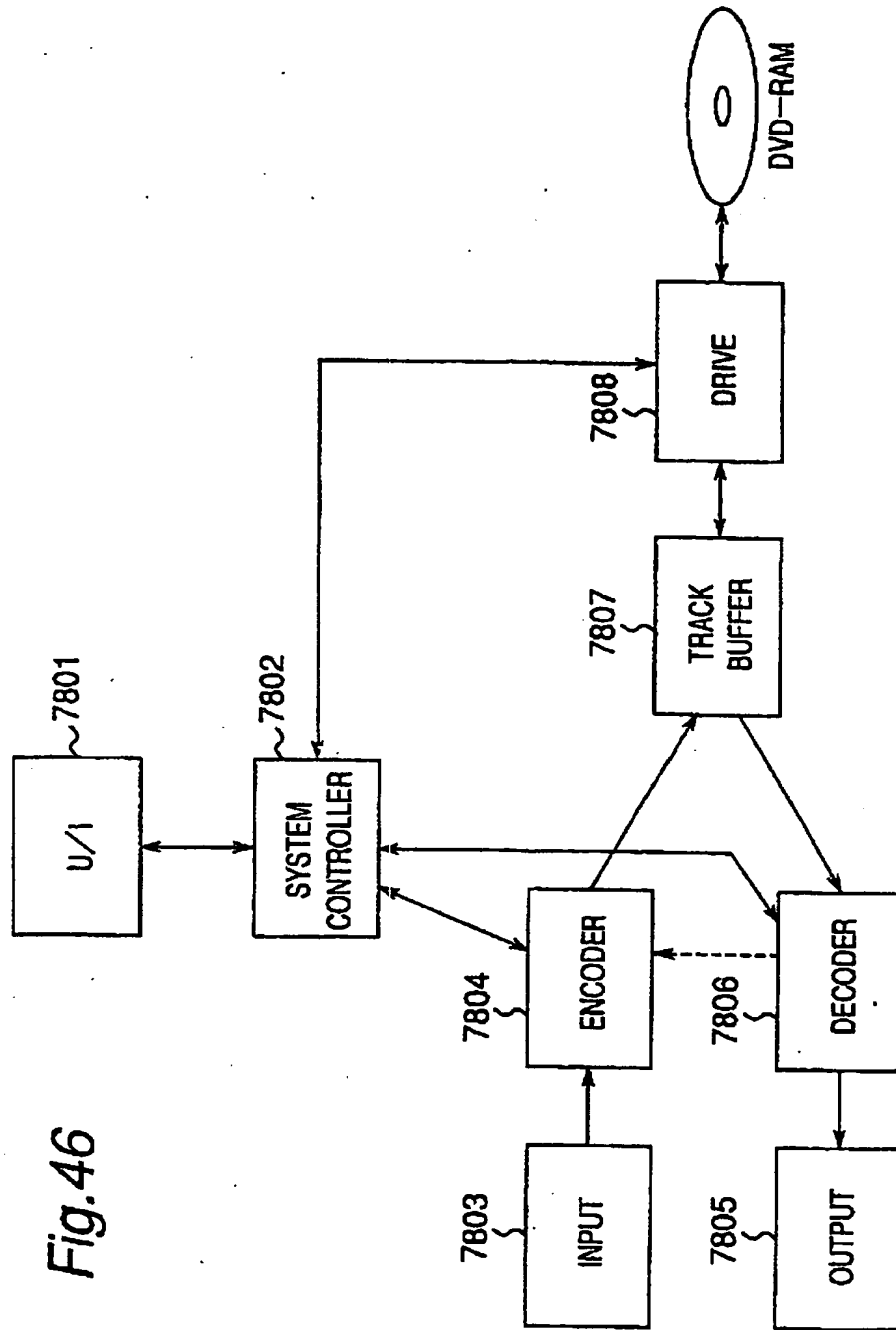


Fig.47

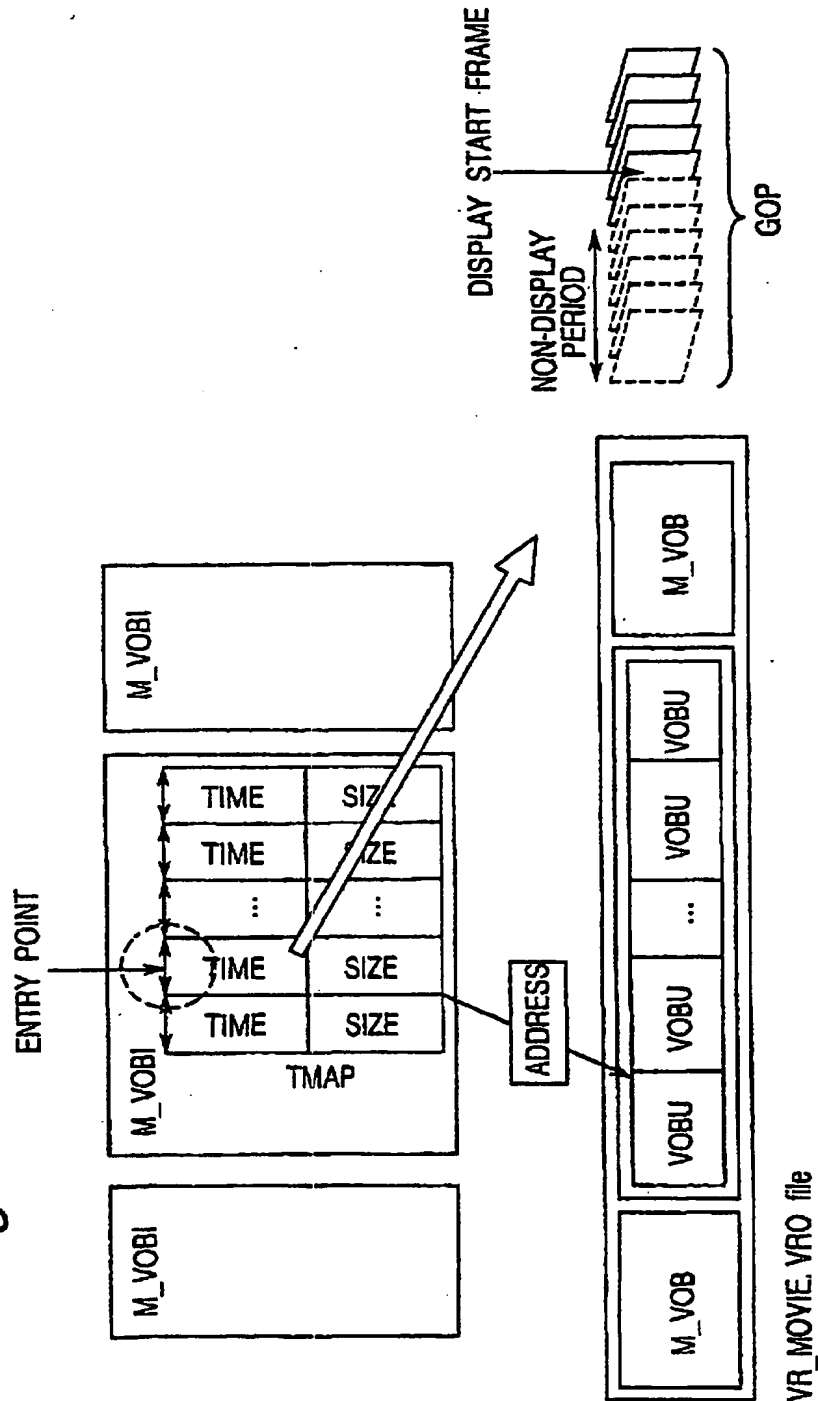


Fig.48

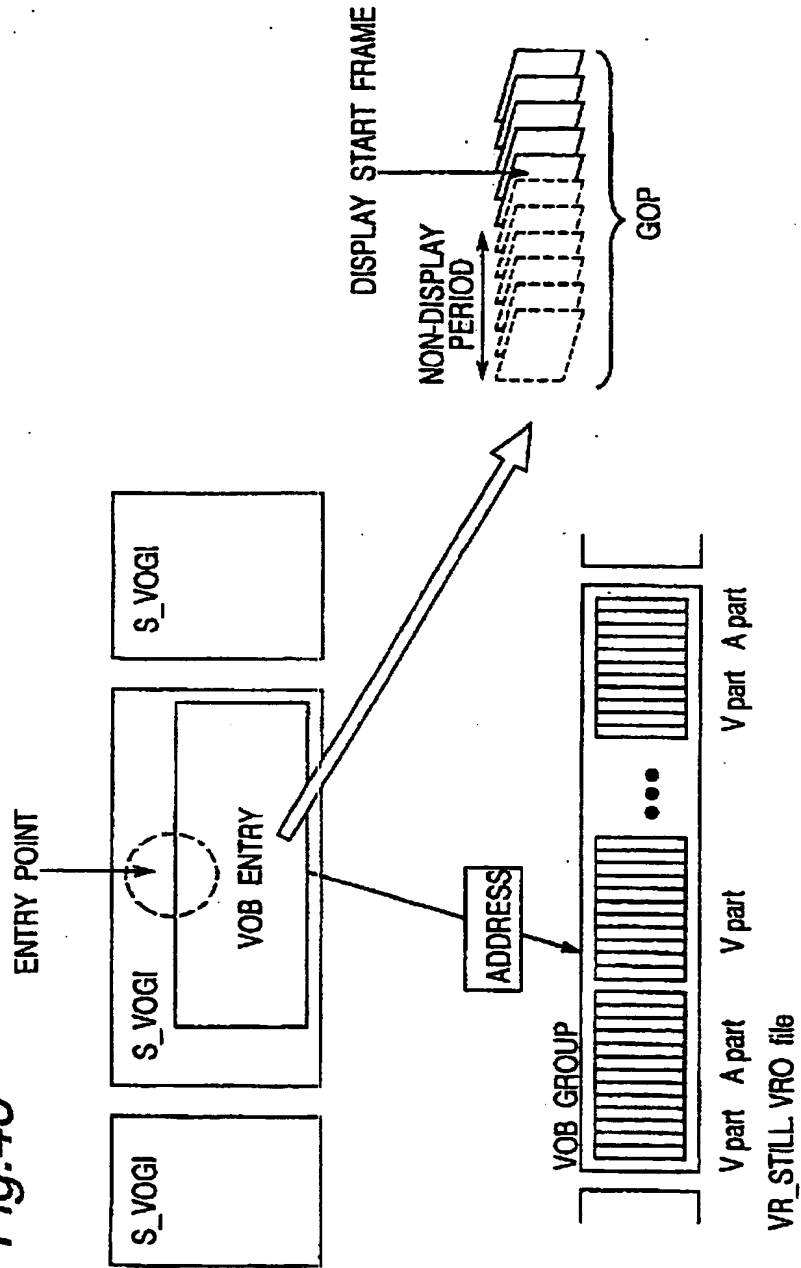
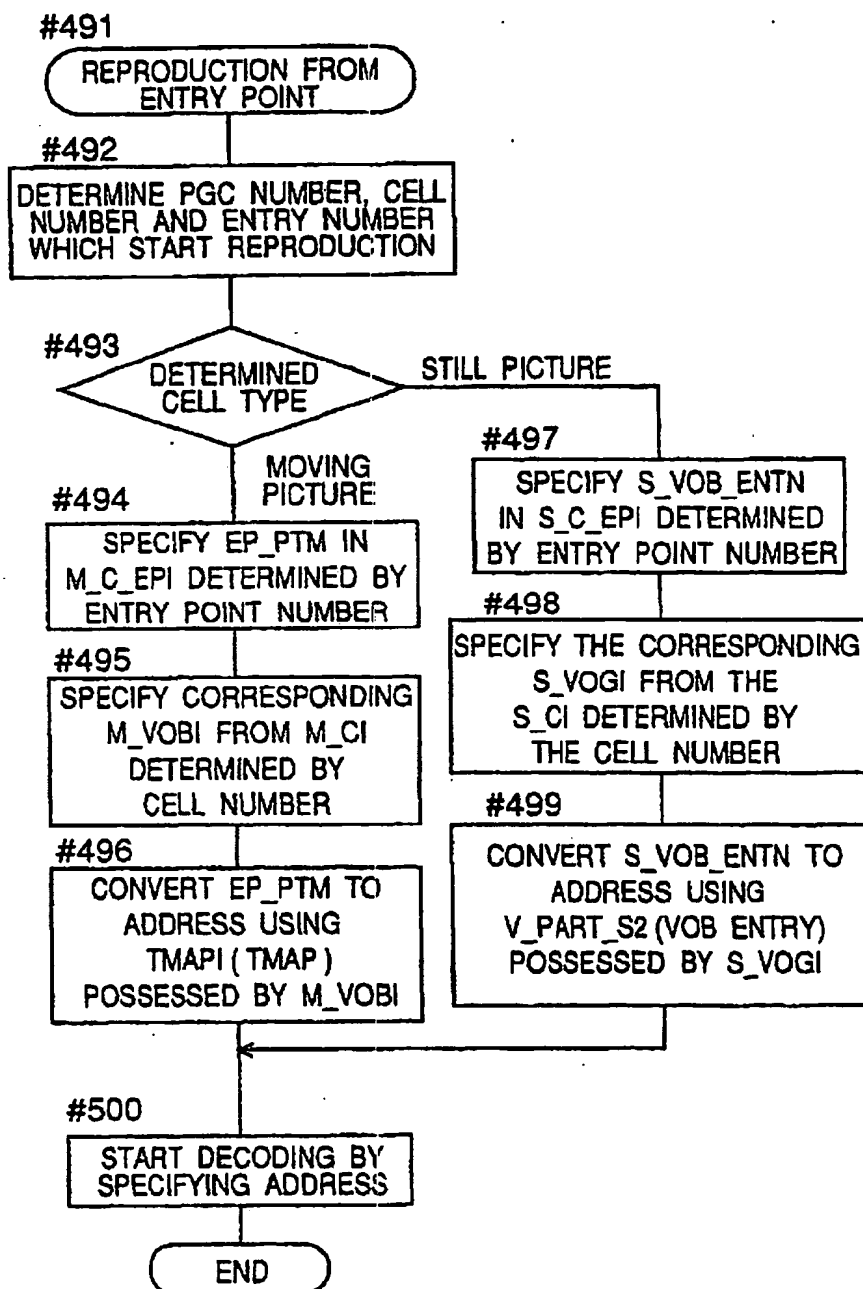


Fig.49





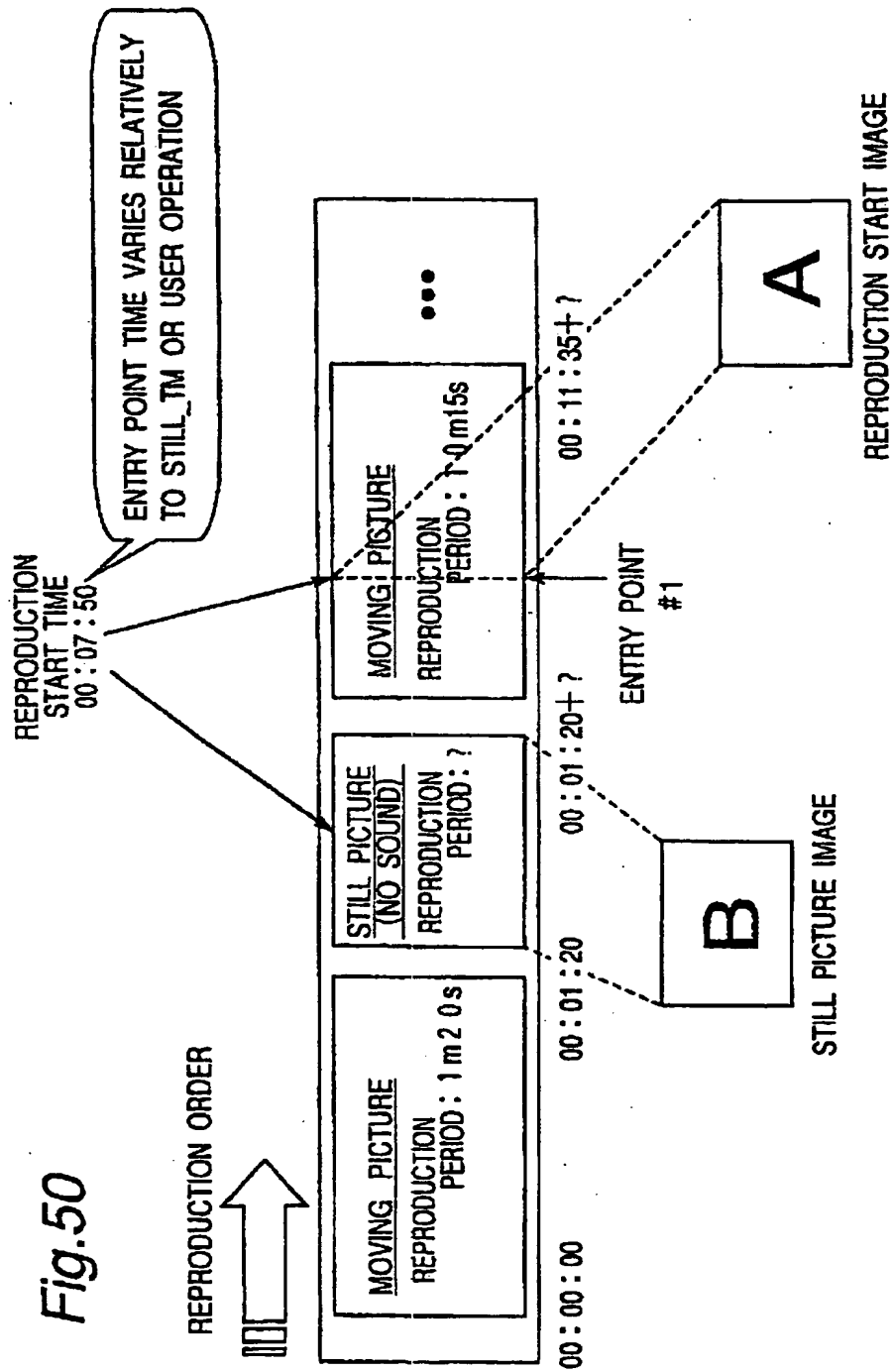
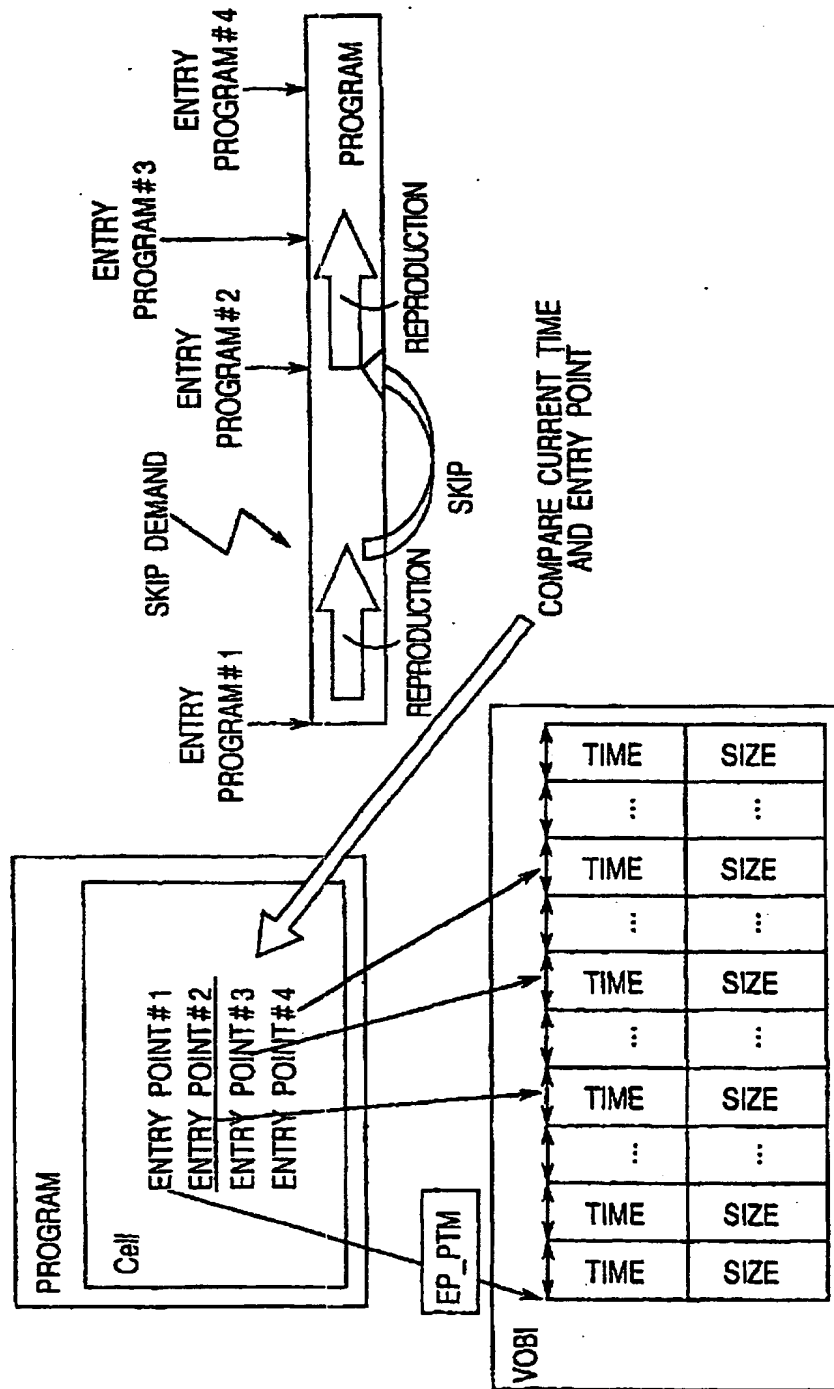
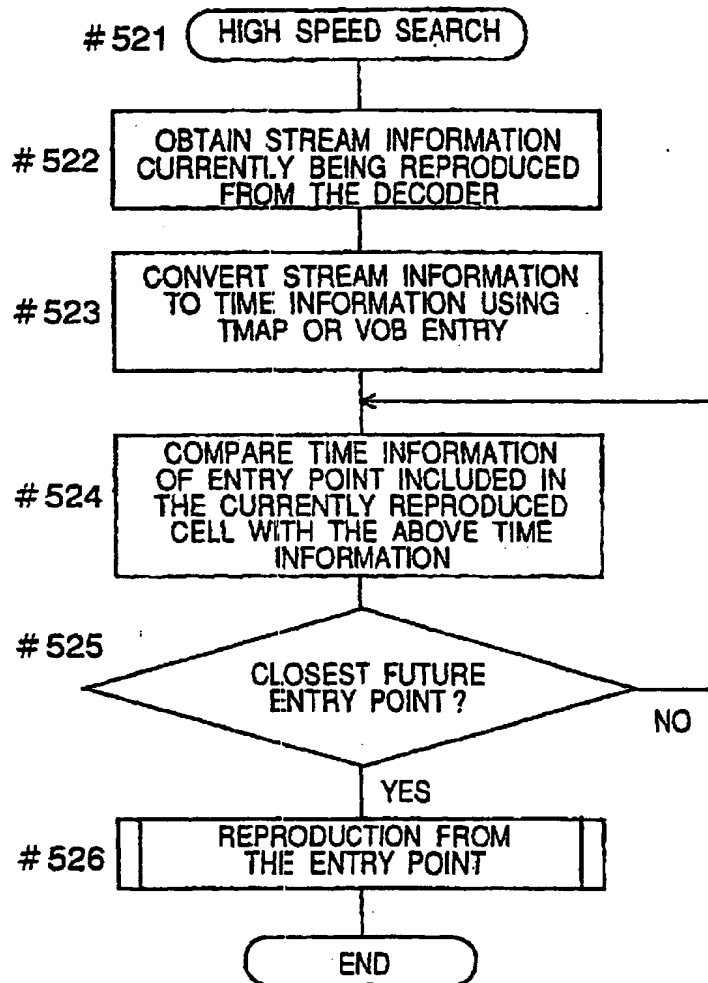


Fig.51



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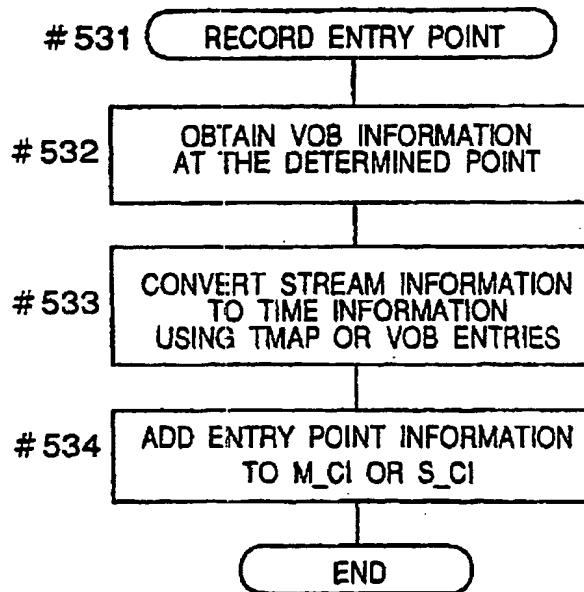


Fig. 54

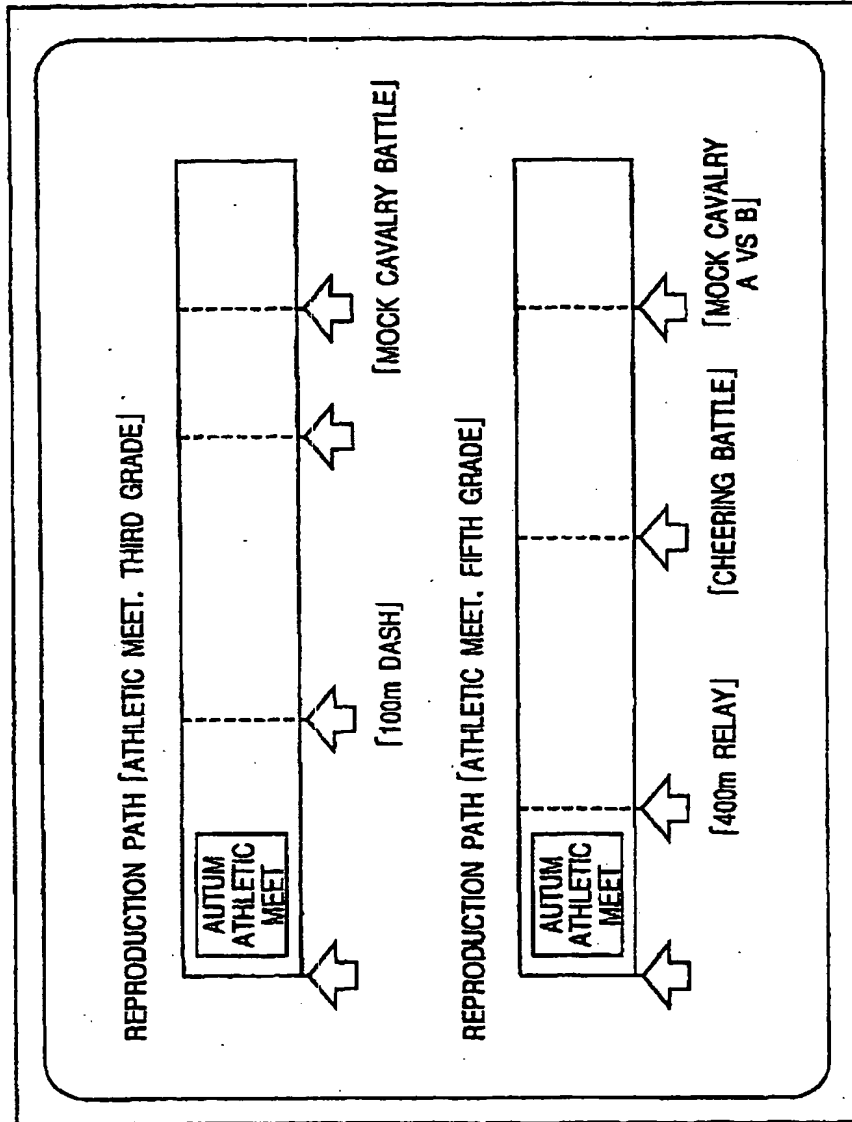


Fig.55

| REPRODUCTION PATH [ATHLETIC MEET] |                         |                                    |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| [ENTRY POINT LIST]                |                         |                                    |
| <u>No.</u>                        | <u>TEST INFORMATION</u> | <u>TARGET<br/>PICTURE / STREAM</u> |
| 1                                 | ATHLETIC MEET           | S                                  |
| 2                                 | ENTRANCE MARCH          | M                                  |
| 3                                 | 100m DASH               | M                                  |
| 4                                 |                         | M                                  |
| 5                                 | CHEERING BATTLE         | S                                  |